

WOMAN ATTORNEY TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson
Indorsed by Third Party
in 11th District.

Indorsement of Mrs. Margaret Bush-Wilson, Negro attorney, as a candidate for United States Representative from the Eleventh Congressional District was announced yesterday by Henry Wallace's Progressive Party of Missouri.

Mrs. Wilson, 28 years old, and her husband, Robert Wilson, are partners in a law firm with offices in their home at 4200W. Page boulevard. She was elected vice president of the Progressive Party at its state convention in Jefferson City April 11.

Her indorsement as a congressional candidate was made at a district meeting of the party at 911 North Vandeventer avenue. Mrs. Wilson's name was suggested by Miss Virginia Spence, a clerk, and a second was offered by William A. Massingale, Negro Democratic Representative to the State Legislature from the Eleventh District.

Massingale said today he was leaving the Democratic party to join the ranks of the Progressives.

Mrs. Wilson received her law degree from Lincoln University at Jefferson City in 1943. She previously attended Talladega College in Alabama and, while there, received a fellowship for one year's study abroad. She formerly was employed as an attorney here for the Rural Electrification Administration.

At yesterday's meeting, a provisional slate of committeemen and committeewomen for wards was chosen as a preliminary step to building up the organization in the city. Petitions were distributed for circulation in the party's drive for opposing universal military training.

Candidate



By a Post-Dispatch Staff Photographer

MRS. MARGARET
BUSH WILSON

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Mrs. Margaret Wilson, 4200 W. Page, Blvd.

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Evelyn Marie Anderson
Rosa Arthur
Myra Bell
Inez Bowles
Rosa Brown Bracy
Dr. W. C. Bridges
Mrs. James T. Bush
C. R. Cannon
James Carr
Muriel Connor
Chester Daniel
Maurino Daniel
Mary C. Dreer
Ruth Payne Flowers
Alfred Ford
Lafayette Ford, Jr.
Thomas Gates
Garnetta Granberry
Mildred Grant
Rev. T. E. Huntley
Richard A. Jackson
Adele James

Desma Jones
Ada Jordan
Charles Lambert
Hattie Lambert
Theresa Micheaux
Esther McMahan
Jimmie Moore
Viola Paden Morris
Ethel Mae Riley
E. C. Robinson
H. D. Robinson
Martha Abernathy Ross
Atrel Smith
Mrs. Marguerite Smith
Dr. L. S. Suter
Lula Warren
Booker T. Washington
Evelyn Watson
Richard Williams
Gertrude Young
Harold Young
Jean Young
(partial list)



FOR CONGRESS

11th Congressional District

MARGARET BUSH

WILSON

☒ MARGARET BUSH WILSON

NON-PARTISAN COMMITTEE FOR WILSON

4200 W. Page

St. Louis 13, Mo.

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A native St. Louisan, **MARGARET BUSH WILSON** is trained to represent you well in government. An Attorney, a World Traveler, a Fighter for Human Rights — Mrs. Wilson stands on a platform of full civil liberties and abundance for all in a peaceful world. She is a graduate of Talladega College and Lincoln University School of Law. She studied for six months in India, gaining a world view of the common man and his aspirations.

Mrs. Wilson is co-author of the city rent control ordinance passed in the August primaries. 102,000 voters, a majority in every ward, voted for the measure. It provides relief from evictions and spiraling rents.

Mrs. Wilson has the Courage of her Convictions and the Character to Carry them out.

A PROGRAM FOR THE PEOPLE

- Federal guarantees of a free vote for all; passage of anti-poll tax law; strict enforcement of 14th Amendment.
- Permanent FEPC and federal anti-lynch law.
- Federal housing program to provide decent homes for the 16 million homeless and slum-dwelling American families.
- Roll-back of prices and control of monopolies to combat high cost of living; the ever-normal granary to stabilize farm as well as consumer prices.
- Repeal of the Taft-Hartley law; \$1 an hour national minimum wage; extend coverage of unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and social security benefits; a job for every worker in a peacetime economy at a living wage.
- A national health program to insure medical and dental care for all.
- Encouragement of small business through Federal loans, tax relief, a fair share of government contracts, and maintenance of consumer purchasing power.
- Priority for veterans in the fields of jobs and housing; for the veterans bonus.
- A tax structure built on ability to pay, one which will not penalize the small business man and the small manufacturer, but which will clamp down on the monopolies and on wealth acquired by the idle rich.
- For a strong United Nations; for foreign aid on the basis of need through the UN; for peaceful uses of atomic energy and scrapping of atom bomb stockpile; against UMT.

Send Her to Congress! When She is There — You are There!

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Candidate for Congress (11th Dist.)
on P. R. M. ticket, on 11-2-48
election

which contains list of
"Non-Partisan Committee"
in her behalf

(Channelized & Indexed)



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Margaret Bush Wilson

P.Q.M. meeting

2-18-48





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Margaret Rush Wilson

P.P.M. Luncheon

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St. Louis, Missouri
April 27, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

RE: MISSOURI CITIZENS FOR WALLACE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following four page document was received from [redacted] on April 2, 1948 and is being retained as an exhibit in the files of this office:

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"MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE BOARD Meeting
of the MISSOURI CITIZENS FOR WALLACE, Sunday, March 21, 1948
held at Fellowship House, 1426 Independence Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri

"Present: Chairman John F. Rutledge, Vice-chairman W. C. Bridges; Esther Baron; Abe Treiman, Douglas MacLeod, Henry F. Draper, A. M. Sosna, St. Louis; Lester Douglas, Herculaneum; Treasurer Rebecca Miller, St. Louis, James T. Bush, St. Louis; Russell Farnsworth, Columbia; Lawrence Scott, Kansas City; Arlene Engelmeyer, St. Louis, Youth for Wallace; Margaret Wilson; Linus Wampler, Flat River.

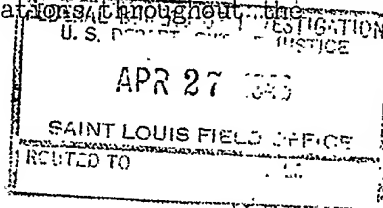
"Guests: Mr. Robert Wilson, Mr. William Massingale, Mr. M. Miller, St. Louis.

"Present and voted as members of Executive Board: Mrs. Margaret Harris, Mr. John Henry Harris, Mr. Julius Jones, Mr. Gene Romano, Kansas City; Mr. Kenneth Haas, Mr. Ray Eisenhower, Columbia; Mr. Al Friedman, a member of the Machinist Union, St. Louis; Mrs. Joe Romano, Kansas City.

"Staff members: Katherine Shryver, Ruth Peters, Reid Ross.

"Minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss Shryver. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Miss Shryver then read Wallace's statements written on the anniversary of the Truman Doctrine.

"A wire from Mr. C. B. Baldwin saying that Wallace will be testifying before Congress March 30th on Universal Military Training and suggesting that rallies be held by local organizations throughout the



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country on this day.

"A motion was made that the idea of having demonstrations be approved with details left for each local organization to carry out. Seconded and carried.

"Emphasis was put upon the importance of letters and wires going to the President and Congressmen continuously, and particularly, at or immediately after the March 30th demonstrations.

"Mrs. Margaret Wilson gave a legal report on the Legal Committee's work and explained the printed information in detail. Mrs. Wilson suggested that the committees to function before the convention be the Nominating, the Platform, By-laws, and Servicing Committees. (The latter committee to furnish leaflets, maps, district information. This committee was later added to the existing Arrangements Committee).

"Questions that arose about legal matters, and which were referred to the Legal Committee were:

1. That this report be referred to the Secretary of State.
2. That this report be sent to the National Legal Committee for Wallace.
3. Question about what is done in cross-filing of names in this state.
4. Whether or not there is a place on the election ballot for presidential electors.

"A motion was made that the first part of the Legal Committee's report be used as a guide in developing this organization, and adopted as an official paper of the MCW, to be distributed as such. Seconded and passed.

"Other points made with reference to the convention:

1. Convention procedure should be as streamlined as possible, with many of the details worked out ahead.
2. That four main officers should emerge.

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3. Choosing of the campaign manager and his problems to be the job of the central committee.

4. That presidential electors come out of the convention.

5. That those here present should constitute the immediate provisional central committee.

"A motion was made that legal questions be restricted to the Legal Committee, and that the various committees refer to the Legal Committee for answers to their legal problems. Seconded and passed.

"Mrs. Wilson advised that the Nominating, Platform and By-Laws Committees be appointed at this meeting; and the following people were named by the Chairman to serve on the Nominating Committee - Douglas MacLeod, Leonard Douglas, Mr. J. T. Bush, Mr. Wm. Massingale, Mrs. Margaret Harris, Mr. Russell Farnsworth; and Mr. William Tittamin, of Springfield, Missouri. The chairman would make additional appointments to this committee when necessary.

"Each member was given a printed report of the Platform Committee's work. This report is to be considered a rough draft. Each person should study and make notes on this report and amil the latter in to the committee, which will then take up these suggestions at the next meeting of the Platform Committee. This report varies from the Call in that it makes no attempt to formulate a pre-convention platform to be adopted.

"Mr. Lawrence Scott objected to the "unqualified use of 'unilateral action'" in the report. He suggested that we clearly condemn unilateral action of all countries--specifically the Soviet Union--and that the paragraph describing this be clarified. Subsequently the latter part of the report was changed to read, "We believe with Henry Wallace that for any nation to by-pass the United Nations.... will create the conditions of war."

"Mr. Treiman suggested that the state sales tax be fought as a campaign issue. Mr. MacLeod stated his agreement with this. It was pointed out that this tax was passed as a relief measure but that by now it furnished the state with 58% of its revenue. Mr. Ball asked whether this group had authority to pass on such issues for the rest of the state. It was answered that these were to be suggestions recommended at Jefferson

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City.

"A motion was made that the sales tax issue be recommended at Jefferson City, to be used as a campaign issue. Seconded and passed.

"Mr. Scott suggested that a committee prepare a leaflet of information on this tax issue. Mrs. Harris said the Research Committee of the Kansas City organization would forward the information for this.

"Mrs. Rebecca Miller gave the report of the Arrangements Committee. It was pointed out that box lunches could not be eaten on the grounds and advised that people eat on the buses during the trip so as not to use up valuable time after arrival. Details of all arrangements are to be worked out during the coming week. The Servicing Committee became part of the Arrangements Committee. Dr. Rutledge suggested that Mrs. Harris, together with a helper, be put on the Arrangements Committee.

"It was suggested that a badge be worn by individuals at the convention; also, that a means of determining the qualified voters be found. (Referred to the Legal Committee).

"Mr. Russell Farnsworth suggested that there be two-minute speeches and the use of official stamped ballots. He noted the importance of having a sargeant-at-arms, as well as a good chairman of the plenary session. He also said that a large number of spectators were expected to come from Columbia and Rolla. It was agreed that the qualified voters were to have preference in the seating, and the spectators considered second. It was suggested that there be separate tables for voters, and a roped-off area.

"There were estimates made of the number of people coming from various sections:

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| St. Louis | 500 to 600 |
| Kansas City | 100 to 150 |
| Joplin | 75 |
| Springfield | 30 |
| Jefferson City | 100 |
| Crystal City & 18th | |
| Congressional District | 75 to 80 |
| Columbia | 500 |

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"Miss Shryver reported that Leo Kryzcki, retired vice president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union will be the keynote convention speaker. Mr. Paul Robeson, speaking in St. Louis on April 9th, will be the curtain raiser. Miss Shryver asked if the board wishes to invite the Cosmopolitan Choir to sing.

"Miss Shryver said that in line with the National Office MCW should see that at least two people attend the Chicago convention to be held April 9th, 10th, and 11th. Marcel Kovarsky was named as a representative from St. Louis.

"A motion was made that three people go to Chicago, one from St. Louis, one from Kansas City and one from the state-at-large to be named by Miss Shryver. Seconded and passed.

"It was noted that the campaign director be in Chicago April 12th, and that Miss Shryver will go in this capacity unless there is a change at Jefferson City.

"A motion was made that Mr. Russell Farnsworth be chairman of the plenary session at Jefferson City. Seconded and passed.

"Mr. Reid Ross presented a revised budget for MCW having anticipated receipts of \$2,825.53 and anticipated expenditures of \$3,017.42, leaving a deficit of \$191.89. He suggested that three or four names be added to the Ways and Means Committee from Kansas City. He said that Mr. Paul Robeson and Mr. Elmer Benson, chairman of the National Wallace-for-President Committee were to be in St. Louis April 8th for a pre-convention dinner. Pleasant Green Baptist Church is to be used for a birthday party for Mr. Robeson and a Wallace Rally. On April 9th, Theodora Peck is to come in to help on last minute details. A girl should be hired for three weeks to take charge of Robeson-rally tickets, and bus tickets. Estimated cost of the church affair is \$950.00 and the clearance estimate is \$750.00.

"A motion was made that the budget and plans to use Robeson for April 9th for fund raising be approved. Seconded and carried.

"Plans for an informal dinner at the Statler Hotel were described.

"A motion was made that \$500 be borrowed to meet immediate expenses. Seconded and passed.

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"Miss Arlene Englemeyer asked for an allocation of \$30 for expenses to be incurred for work for Wallace with the Youth-for-Wallace group.

"A motion was made that Mr. Russell Farnsworth, Mr. Jans, and Mr. Joe Astor constitute a liaison committee to work with the young people's group; that an additional \$250 be borrowed and used for youth work throughout the state for this committee's expenses; \$50 of this to go to St. Louis. Seconded and carried. This increases anticipated deficit to \$441.89.

"The meeting adjourned.

John F. Rutledge, Chairman
Katherine Shryver, Exec. Sec.
Jo Romano, acting Secretary

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The following names appearing in this letter have been indexed:

HENRY F. DRAPER
A. M. SOSNA
LESTER DOUGLAS
REBECCA MILLER
JAMES T. BUSH
RUSSELL FARNSWORTH
LAWRENCE SCOTT
LINUS WAMPLER
ROBERT WILSON
MR. M. MILLER
LEONARD DOUGLAS
WM TITTAMIN

MARCEL KOVARSKY
THEODORA PECK
JO ROMANO
MARGARET HARRIS
JOHN HENRY HARRIS
JULIUS JONES
GENE ROMANO
KENNETH HAAS
RAY EISENHAUER
MRS. JOE ROMANO
RUTH PETERS
REID ROSS

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St. Louis, Missouri
April 26, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

RE: MISSOURI CITIZENS for WALLACE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following document was received from [] in envelope postmarked April 6, 1948 and is filed as an exhibit herein:

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"MCW office headquarters, Thursday, April 1, 1948

"Present: Dr. John F. Rutledge, chairman, MCW executive board; Dr. W. C. Bridges, vice-chairman; Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, secretary, Mrs. Rebecca Miller, treasurer. Rev. Owen Whitfield, A. M. Sosna, John Kalicak, Jack Becker, J. T. Bush, Dr. Sol Londe, Mr. and Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Arlene Engelmeyer, Mrs. W. C. Bridges, Mrs. Esther Baron. Kit Shryver. Maurice Miller.

"At a meeting of the St. Louis members of the executive board of MCW (plus Dr. Rutledge and Rev. Whitfield), there were reports of pre-convention activity in Kansas City, Dy. Joseph, Joplin, Moberly, Mexico, Jefferson City, Columbia, Crystal City and St. Louis.

"Jack Becker, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, reported on the eating situation in Jeff City was finally worked out (see letter), the manpower situation, etc., and reported that this committee will arrive in Jeff City on Friday night, ahead of most members of the MCW board on Saturday morning, to set up arrangements for the press, committee meetings, etc. The offer of a band, for \$85, was well received but since this expense is not in the budget, the band is to be hired only if the Arrangements Committee and the Finance Committee can work it out.

"Margaret Wilson of the Legal Committee reported that a registration form has been worked out so that qualified voters only will participate in the convention business, and also that the rules of order to be adopted had been drawn up.

for April 11th

"Mr. Becker proposed the following tentative agenda/ to be discussed and made final at the MCW executive board meeting on Saturday, April 10:

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1. Invocation
2. Election of Convention chairman
3. Adoption of rules of order
4. Approval of committees appointed in advance
5. Resolution to form new party and launch petition drive
6. Endorsement of Wallace and Taylor
7. Speech: Leo Kryszki (pronounced Kris-ky)
8. Appointment of caucus conveners
9. Congressional District caucuses
10. Platform committee report
11. Finance committee report
12. Nominating committee report
13. Elections
14. Adjournment

"On a midwestern tour, Mr. Henry Wallace can spend two days in Missouri, May 2nd and 3rd. Mr. Baldwin had asked the group's advice as to the best way he could spend those two days. It was agreed that he should best spend them in Kansas City (on the 2nd) and Columbia (on the 3rd). Mr. Baldwin said that Mr. Wallace would probably return to Missouri in July or after, and that Senator Taylor would tour the state during the campaign.

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The following names appearing in this document have been indexed:
REBECCA MILLER, A. M. SOSNA, J. T. BUSH, ROBERT WILSON, MRS. W. C. BRIDGES,
and MAURICE MILLER.

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MARGARET BUSH WILSON

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MEMO, SAC:

Re: *Margaret Ruth Wilson*

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R. L. FOWLER
R. C. KENNEDY
R. E. MURPHY

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Tuesday
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10:15AM

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RALPH CHAT to OLIVE (MARTIN) at HI 3809.
RALPH is going to OLIVE's for lunch about 12:30
and is bringing RAY (BOCK) with him. (RAY called
him "Cousin RAY"). RALPH asked how OLIVE's friends
are and OLIVE said fine.

10:40AM

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RALPH CHAT to SAM (CHINNICE) at Sam's Service
Station.
RALPH asked if SAM will be there around noon.
SAM said yes, and RALPH said he will come up to
see SAM.

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RALPH CHAT to TONI SMITH (at home).
RALPH asked when TONI will have the envelopes ready
and TONI said she hasn't been able to work much on
them because her 6 year old daughter has been ill.
TONI said she thinks she will take the kid to Rochester
to Mayo Clinic. RALPH said RUTH "our southside friend"
(MURKIN) was up there and she has a sister
who lives in Rochester, so if TONI goes up, to get in
touch with RUTH and maybe TONI can stay at the sister's
house while she is there. OK. RALPH said he will
come by Thursday for the envelopes and have the letters
ready so they can be put in the envelopes. OK.

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PAUL PRESTON to RALPH CHAT.
PAUL "I saw the morning paper - you're not running."
RALPH said, "they're holding it up for a decision
by my friend GORDON PRESTON." PAUL asked what the
Supreme Court decision they are talking about is,
and RALPH said that's the thing they appealed in
1940, when they filed by convention and they ruled
that since since they were not a new party, and didn't
poll 25 of the vote, they were not eligible to file
by convention but must file by petition. PRESTON
said "they won't take us out in the night" and said
he wanted to look up this decision. RALPH said MRS. AD
LEVIN handled it for them. PAUL said it is his impression
that they never gave a final decision, but there
was just a preliminary statement. RALPH: "Brother
(BOCK) McINTIRK did the dirty work on that."
PAUL said McINTIRK was a strong A.P. of L. endorse-
ment. PAUL asked if it was McINTIRK's opinion or
the Supreme Court's and RALPH said it was his opinion,
sustained by the Supreme Court. RALPH said it seems
that could have no bearing on PRESTON's party, because
they have secured more than 25 of the votes, and
PRESTON said yes, in 1924 Carrollton, running on the
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R. L. FOWLER
H. C. KENNEDY
H. B. MURPHY

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RALPH said he doesn't think PAUL should allow them to go on the basis of that opinion, he doesn't think PAUL's party comes under that. PAUL: "You know me - I'm not letting them go under any kind of an opinion because I figure that if you don't fight this stuff every notch, pretty soon there won't be anything all the way down the line - just the idea of letting them get by with a little - then pretty soon they have got enough precedent to sustain themselves." RALPH said everything is being done along this line to keep the Wallace ticket out. PAUL: "They don't allow us challengers and watchers here, in fact anybody." RALPH asked what has happened to that and PAUL said they have never picked it up, "but don't think we won't though, we're hoping for good decisions elsewhere in the meanwhile, but we haven't gotten any." PAUL said all of those technical cases are awfully hard to try unless you've got a good judge, one who understands the elections laws and who has a fundamental feeling for the Constitution; he said he doesn't mean merely one in his favor, but one who will listen to the case. PAUL said they say they are going to throw out the Progressive Party. RALPH said "But the Progressive Party has never filed before, there is a Supreme Court decision in relation to parties which can file since they have no precedent - they file by convention or committee." PAUL: "They refused to take the old convention system." RALPH: "The court says they have to take it the first time, but not after the first time. That seems to be the thing these guys in the county are attempting to misquote." PAUL: "You mean there is a court decision saying you can form a new party by convention, rather than by petition?" You mean Wallace - the Progressive Party is attempting to do that?" RALPH said "their attorneys have circulated at their convention a copy of the legal tracing of the whole history of the various parties in the State, and their opinion is, and it is steeped in the decisions of the Supreme Court, that a new party can file by convention and committee." PAUL: "Well, of course, that isn't quite right - there's a lot of opinion against that, because in former years they did that, and then they changed the law, that's how the C.L.E. gets on, because in the day that they did qualify, they qualified under the then existing laws, then they turned around and put this

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business up as a party defined as 3%, they didn't say which election, and by that seems they cut out the whole nominating convention system. That's the decision I have had from attorneys, because we were going under this convention system when they raised hell some years ago; every now and then somebody gets tough and says no." PAUL asked if RALPH has any copies of the thing that was passed out at the Wallace convention. RALPH said he has one copy, but for PAUL to call JACK BECKER at P.O.A. "I don't know if you know him." PAUL said he didn't know BECKER. RALPH said that was prepared by a set of attorneys, whose secretary is the Negro woman (MARGARET BUSH) WILSON who is running in the 11th Congressional District. RALPH said the article set out 9 or 10 steps and cited the sources or decisions, he didn't know why they did it. PAUL said it is important because it has to get around a bit. "Most of these people till yall phooey, you haven't any business, but if you back it up a bit they feel better." PAUL asked for their phone number and RALPH said NO 9022 (listed to P.O.A.). PAUL asked if they are up on Grand and RALPH said they are in the Saum Bldg. PAUL said he will call them because "I'm battling the county committee at 5 o'clock." RALPH: "Good. How you been, PAUL?" PAUL: "OK, worn out, that's all." RALPH: "People like you will never be worn out. When you get worn out it will be the end of the world." PAUL: "At least mine." RALPH: "Well, maybe I'll get a chance to see you sometime." PAUL: "Yes, OK." RLF

11:15AM

OG

RALPH SHAW to SARAH SHAW, Ralph will be back about 3:30 PM. Sarah said she is going out too. Sarah said she had heard over the radio that "they're going to rule you out." She said, "on the basis of the 1942 decision." RCK

11:20AM

OG

RALPH SHAW to Unknown Female at CH 6610, listed to Rosenblum and Hellita, attorneys, 329 N. 4th. He asked for SAM BAHAN who isn't in. Female said she could have him call Ralph. OK, RCK

11:22AM

OG

RALPH SHAW to LOU KIMMEL at UE. Ralph wanted to know what DOTTIE (AUKAMP EAGE) is doing. He thought maybe she could come in about Thursday to help "push some things" or at least by the "seventh". Kimmel will check with Dottie and also with his own wife (THELMA KIMMEL). OK. Ralph will be out of town tomorrow and tomorrow night. RCK

May 7, 1948
St. Louis, Missouri

MEMO, SAC:

RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following items, which were received by [redacted] at the Founding Convention of subject held April 11, 1948 at Jefferson City, Missouri under the auspices of the Missouri Citizens for Wallace, are being filed as exhibits in instant file:

1 page document captioned "Convention Rules of Order - Proposed by Missouri Citizens for Wallace Executive Board".

2 page document dated Friday, March 12, 5:00 p.m. captioned "Statement by HENRY A. WALLACE on anniversary of Proclamation of Truman Doctrine".

4 page document captioned "Statement of Policy Submitted by the Convention Policy Committee to the Founding Convention of the Progressive Party of Missouri".

2 page document captioned "Draft Report of Organizational Committee".

1 page document captioned "Registration (Observer)" dated April 11, 1948.

1 page document captioned "Calendar - Missouri Election Laws, 1948".

Leaflet entitled "The Time Has Come..." issued by National Wallace for President Committee.

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4 page leaflet captioned "Wallace Shows It Can Be Done - Wins Battle Against Segregation".

6 page document captioned "Subject: The nature of and the procedure for establishing a New Political Party in the State of Missouri - by Margaret Bush Wilson for MCW Legal Committee."

Leaflet entitled "Ten Extra Years" by Henry A. Wallace published by the National Wallace for President Committee.

4 page leaflet captioned "Abolish Thomas Committee or Abdicate Your Freedom".

November 2, 1947 Magazine Section of Picture News of PM's Sunday Edition.

Pamphlet entitled "Guide to Political Action" published by UERMWA - CIO.

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May 8, 1948
St. Louis, Missouri

Re: MISSOURI CITIZENS FOR WALLACE
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"Bukich, Andrew; Belton; Baul, Emerson; Buneta, Frank & Pete, Cernich, Victor; Cox, Chas; Crittenden, J. H.; Carpenter, Zollie; Chinmichi, Sam; Cotledge, Marge; Diugin, Sam; Derman, Sol; England, Lewis K.; Friedman, Al; Gilmore, Chas.; Goldberg, Fanny; Hall; Harold; Hanber; Elsie; Hudson, Romey; Hunter, June; Hoffman, Joe; Hooper, Frank; Heffner, Olive; Holsapple; Koch, Ray; Kimmel, Lou; Leach, Orville; Londe, Dr. S.; Levin, Lillian (Sanders); Massingale, Wm.; Musil, Helen; Miller, Bruce, Morgan, Esther & Mr. Manewitz, Sam, Fannie; Bob & Irma; MacLeod, Doug & Carolyn; Murphy, Al & Pauline; Moore, James, Agnes & Stanley; Oser, Nate; Pericich, Carlo; Perkins, Haven & Clara Mae; Stover, Beryl; Sage, Dottie (Aukamp); Sentner, Wm. & Toni; Stanford, R. L. & Edna; Smith, Marcel; Smith, Floyd & Marg; Spence, Virginia; Tramel, Alex; Walsh, Woodrow; Arley R. & Mrs; Waxman, Elliott & Loretta; Whitfield, Rev. Owen; Walker, Herschel; Woolverson, Ray; Pearl Bernstein.

"Pete Buneta & Victor Cernich are former Party members & are active in the Croatian groups.

"Went to Grand & Franklin at 7:00 A.M. to board bus for trip to Jefferson City. I was assigned to one of the told veterans Koch Hospital buses. We had box lunches & soda pop on this bus. Belton was captain of this bus & Pearl Bernstein was the cheer leader. Woodrow, Ceasar Ray & Holsapple were among the other passengers. I sat with a young negro who introduced himself as a reporter for the St. Louis American, a colored paper. We chatted about the scenery & after a while he moved to another seat when we stopped for a rest. He had gotten a Post Dispatch & was reading items & tearing them out & stuffing them in his pocket. Pearl Bernstein started the singing to the tune of John Brown's Body, a song which wound up with the refrain "For the peoples march is on." This is to be the campaign song. Then she went into the old standby, "the tree beside the waters," "Wallace is our leader," she pronounced it "leadah" in the best approved New Yorkese. We were the last bus to start & when we got to a point 26 miles from Jeff City on highway 50 the motor of our bus overheated & we were forced to stop. We were delayed about an hour & did not get to the meeting until 12:30. We went in & registered & then went into the meeting hall. Leo Kryczki was

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"speaking at the time & was quoting F.D.R., reading lengthy articles, the gist of which was for "peace in our time." He also quoted Wallace's statements along this line. Another of his quotes was on equal rights & no discrimination. He said Lincoln was called a Communist because he had corresponded with Karl Marx, so it was not strange that F.D.R. should be also tagged with the red label. Russell D. Farnsworth was chairman of the meeting. He is a law student at Missouri U.

"After the keynote speech Robt. Logsdon made a collection talk which netted \$2647.00 in cash & pledges.

"Each congressional district held a caucus at which temporary officers were elected. The 11th District elected Mr. James T. Bush as chairman & Mrs. Bracy as secretary. All voting was done by a display of registration cards. It was decided that our district should run a candidate for Congress & Massingale, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bracy and Dave Grant were nominated, other nominees to be considered when we have another meeting in St. Louis on Apl. 18th We finished our caucus & scattered for refreshments, as most of us had not had lunch.

"When I returned the sessions were on & the nominating committee were offering their report. The results of the election were Robt. Logsdon State Chairman, Margaret Bush Wilson, vice chairman, Eileen Valle, secretary, Abe Treiman treasurer, Dr. Rutledge, National Committeeman & Mrs. Bracy, committeewoman. MacLeod spoke on party organization, outlining procedure.

"Treiman presented the report of the Policy Committee & the items were discussed at length & changes made, also some additions. The amended statement will be mimeographed & each delegate furnished with a copy. There was considerable discussion on these items & much time consumed on them.

"The Organizational Committee report was presented and voted on.

"The convention adjourned at 7:00 PM & Buses began leaving as soon as loaded. I got the same bus on which I came out & we arrived at Grand & Franklin at 12:30 AM. We ran into considerable rain going & coming."

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Saint Louis, Missouri
May 8, 1948

MEMO: SAC

RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
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"Belton, Buneta Frank, Cox, Chas., Cotledge Marg., Crittenden J. H., Derman Sol, Edsell Howard, Holsapple, Kozak Joe, Lewis Mary, Massingale Wm., Musil Helen, Morgan Esther & Mr., Manewitz Sam, Fannie, Bob & Irma, Murphy Al & Pauline, Moore James, Stanford R. O. & Edna, Smith, Marcel, Smith, Floyd & Mary, Spence Virginia, Tramel Alex, Waxman Elliott & Lorreta, Walker Herschel, Yasgur Ann.

"Attended meeting of 11th Congressional District Progressive Party at 911 W. Vandeventer Av.

"James Carr was chairman. The meeting was called to nominate a candidate for Congress, but first a report was made on the Jeff City convention of Apr. 11. This report was made by Margaret Bush Wilson. She said 731 people were in attendance in Jeff. City & gave a short report on the activities there. Next Virginia Spence spoke on the resolution to run candidates in the 11th Legislative & Congressional Districts. She nominated Mrs. Wilson for Congresswoman & this was seconded by Wm. Massingale & concurred in by Mrs. Bracy, who were also candidates. Dave Grant, who had also been nominated at Jeff. City, was not mentioned. Massingale announced his withdrawal from the Democratic Party. Mrs. Wilson accepted nomination.

"Jas. Carr asked Draper to take the chair & then Carr spoke on discrimination. He said big business liked to advance Negroes so that if difficulties arose, they could pit the Negro against the White. He said the A.F.L. policy of Jim Crow helped this along & praised the C.I.O. for not adopting this policy. He told a story about how the South at the start of the Civil War was designing a flag & some one suggested that it consist of a big bale of cotton on a back ground & a Negro asleep

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on the bale. All were in favor but one delegate & he said he was opposed. His objection 'What if the nigger wakes up.' He said there was no need of being fooled by the red scare. Every liberal is labeled red as soon as he favors the little fellow. He said Democracy is sick & must be cured. He suggested to let 'Doc' Wallace write the prescription. Dr. Bridges spoke on the necessity of getting out the vote & having watchers at the polls. Derman stressed the importance of sending Massingale back to Jeff City. Draper spoke on methods of organizing. A woman asked what to say if people say Wallace is a Communist & Draper said that none of the papers would dare say that because it is known that Wallace is no Communist. Mary Lewis said the Communists did not cause the present conditions & it would be well to point this out to the public.

"A Mr. Wheeler also spoke on Wallace not being a Communist, he said none of the moneyed people dared to say he was, because they know Wallace is a millionaire & would sue them for libel. At some time in Carr's remarks he said that he is not a Communist. A Mrs. Brant of the Artists Group reported that they had raised \$1000.00 for Wallace by the sale of art objects. She said that they have arranged for 3 films to be shown at Y.M.H.A. beginning Apl 26. Tickets are \$1.74 for all 3 showings.

"A man suggested that meetings be opened with prayer. The collection was \$48.75.

"The meeting then broke up into war caucuses."

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HENRY WHEELER, DRAPER, and DAVE GRANT

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St. Louis, Missouri
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Re: PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA
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Informant [] has furnished a mimeographed copy of a letter on the stationery of the Progressive Citizens of America, Greater St. Louis Chapter, Room 209 Saum Building, which was sent to 51 members of the PCA in the 25th ward, on February 10, 1948. Informant advised that these members will include those names listed on the index cards which he has furnished this office, of membership in the 25th ward, which he personally made, using the PCA addressograph.

The letter invites the recipient to a meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 1948, 8:15 p.m., at the home of Mrs. BENJAMIN LANDESMAN, 5614 Waterman Avenue.

This stationery carries on the left hand side, the names of all the officers of the Greater St. Louis Chapter of the PCA, as follows:

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| Chairman, CHARLES C. WILSON | Mrs. ALFRED LANDESMAN |
| 1st Vice-Chairman, Mrs. D. W. BOWLES | ROBERT B. LOGSDON |
| 2nd Vice-Chairman, HENRY FREISE | Dr. SOL LONDE |
| 3rd Vice-Chairman, JOHN H. BECKER, Jr. | DOUGLAS C. MACLEOD |
| Secretary, Mrs. MICHAEL E. BARON | Mrs. M. MOSCOWITZ |
| Treasurer, WAYMAN F. SMITH, Jr. | ROBERT PAGE |
| Executive Committee: | Mrs. M. PEARLMUTTER |
| Dr. GEORGE BISHOP | Dr. J. F. RUTLEDGE |
| FRANK S. BLEDSOE | VIRGINIA SPENCE |
| Mrs. FANNIE COOK | CHESTER E. STOVALL |
| CHARLES J. JENKINS | Mrs. MARGARET WILSON |
| | Executive Secretary, |
| | Miss KATHERINE SHAEVER |

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| Secretary, HERMAN SHUMLIN | LILLIAN HELLMAN |
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100-1519 - HENRY PREISE
100-7738 - JOHN H. BECKER, Jr.
100-7918 - Mrs. MICHAEL E. BARON
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100-393 - Dr. GEORGE BISHOP
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100-403 - Mrs. FANNIE COOK
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100- new - Mrs. ALFRED LANDESMAN
100-6809 - ROBERT B. LOGSDON
100-420 - Dr. SOL LONDE
100-7131 - DOUGLAS C. MacLEOD
100- new - Mrs. M. MOSCOWITZ
100-7310 - ROBERT PAGE
100- new - Mrs. E. PEARLMUTTER
100-6856 - Dr. J. F. RUTLEDGE
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St. Louis, Missouri
May 11, 1948

Re: MISSOURI CITIZENS FOR WALLACE
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Informant furnished this office on April 12, 1948, with the following exhibits:

- (1) Mimeographed letter dated April 2, 1948, concerning the arrangements for the delegates who will attend the Founding Convention in Jefferson City on April 11, 1948. These details were agreed upon in a meeting of the executive board of the Missouri Citizens for Wallace, which was called by Dr. JOHN RUTLEDGE and Dr. W. C. BRIDGES.

The letter is addressed "Dear Board Member" and is signed by KATHERINE SHRYVER, executive secretary. It is noted that the informant is a member of the Missouri Citizens for Wallace executive board.

- (2) Informant furnished a copy of the minutes of the meeting on April 1, 1948 of the Missouri Citizens for Wallace, which were as follows:

MCW office headquarters, Thursday, April 1, 1948

Present: Dr. John F. Rutledge, chairman, MCW executive board; Dr. W. C. Bridges, vice-chairman; Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, secretary, Mrs. Rebecca Miller, treasurer. Rev. Owen Whitfield, A. M. Sosna, John Kalicak, Jack Becker, J. T. Bush, Dr. Sol Londe, Mr. and Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Arlene Engelmeyer, Mrs. W. C. Bridges, Mrs. Esther Baron. Kit Shryver. Maurice Miller.

At a meeting of the St. Louis members of the executive board of MCW (plus Dr. Rutledge and Rev. Whitfield), there were reports of pre-convention activity in Kansas City, St. Joseph, Joplin, Moberly, Mexico, Jefferson City, Columbia, Crystal City and St. Louis.

Jack Becker, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, reported on the eating situation in Jeff City was finally worked out (see letter), the manpower situation, etc., and reported that this committee will arrive in Jeff City on Friday night, ahead of most members of the MCW board on Saturday morning, to set up arrangements for the press, committee meetings, etc. The offer of a band, for \$85, was well received but since this expense is not in the budget, the band is to be hired only if the Arrangements Committee and the Finance Committee can work it out.

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Margaret Wilson of the Legal Committee reported that a registration form has been worked out so that qualified voters only will participate in the convention business, and also that the rules of order to be adopted had been drawn up.

Mr. Becker proposed the following tentative agenda for April 11th to be discussed and made final at the MCW executive board meeting on Saturday, April 10.

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| 1. Invocation | 8. Appointment of caucus conveners |
| 2. Election of Convention chairman | 9. Congressional District caucuses |
| 3. Adoption of rules of order | 10. Platform committee report |
| 4. Approval of committees appointed in advance | 11. Finance committee report |
| 5. Resolution to form new party and launch petition drive. | 12. Nominating committee report |
| 6. Endorsement of Wallace and Taylor | 13. Elections |
| 7. Speech: Leo Kryszki (pronounced Kris-ky) | 14. Adjournment |

(3) Copy of a handbill captioned Henry Wallace for President, containing the information concerning the Founding Convention on April 11, 1948. The original envelope, postmarked April 3, 1948, in which these exhibits were contained, as well as the exhibits themselves, are being maintained in 100-7913-1A envelope.

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100-7903 Katherine Shryver
100-6856 Dr. John Rutledge
100-6980 Dr. W. C. Bridges
100-7822 Rosa Brown Bracy
100- new Rebecca Miller
100-1194 Rev. Owen Whitfield
100- new A. M. Sosna
100-7014 John Kalicak
100-7738 Jack Becker
100- new J. T. Bush
100-420 Dr. Sol Londe
100-8043 Margaret Wilson
100-7922 Arlene Engelmeyer
100-7913 Mrs. Esther Baron

The name MAURICE MILLER is being indexed.

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A banquet by the Missouri Citizens for WALLACE Committee held at the Statler Hotel 822 Washington Av. St. Louis Mo. The banquet was in the Missouri Room, there were between 150-160 people present. Mr. PAUL ROBESON's plan was delayed, the banquet started at 8 PM.

"President of the M.C.W. Dr. JOHN F. RUTLEDGE made a short speech Mr. RUTLEDGE introduced the guests at the main table, Rev. and Mrs. CHARLES WILSON, Dr. & Mrs. COOK, Mrs. SACKS wife of a famous brain specialist, Mr. ELMER BENSON ex Senator of Minnesota, Mrs. COOK Book writer who also was the toast master, Mr. POTASHNY of Chicago, Dr. and Mrs. TURPIN, Dr. and Mrs. BRIDGES. MRS COOK the toastmaster introduced Mr. BENSON the first speaker. Quote Mr. BENSON, Dear friends it is a pleasure to be here with you in Missouri, Missouri is a well known State and will be more known when that hypocrite HARRY TRUMAN will be sent back to Independence City Missouri next January.

"We are living in crucial times, a great hysteria has been brought upon our people, however this has been going on for years and generations, there is nothing I can tell you that you do not know. There is a job to be done, it requires work and sweat, you must go out ringing door bells, talking to your neighbors and friends, Have them go out and vote on November for that great man HENRY WALLACE What caused this great change, it was the news papers and the radio which is

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controlled by the few money men. If I were a publisher of a news paper to-day I would be ashamed to look what is published in that paper. Day after day 8-10-12 articles are placed in the daily papers ~~about~~ that great ally of ours Russia. I do not agree with all the things ~~Russia~~ is doing, however what are we doing.

"We talk about being the most peaceful nation, is this true, we are discarding our allies who have fought besides us in the war and are upholding the enemies, we are sending millions of dollars of the tax payers money to that corrupt Government of Greece, upholding Turkey who sent material to Germany to make weapons to destroy our young men. We are rebuilding Germany, Japan and are considering Russia a greater enemy then the fascists who slaughtered our boys. Yes with the Wall Street war mongrels and the brass hats in Washington, our nation is in a serious position.

"This hysteria did not start over night or months ago, it has been brewing for years, yes back in 1945 when the United Nations was being organized in San Francisco California, 60 days after the death of FRAKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. I ELMER BENSON and Mr. BALDWIN were going to make a trip so we decided to see the new President HARRY TRUMAN. I BENSON asked the President what is all this being published in the news papers, as we know we had men in San Francisco, such as HERRIMAN, STETINIOUS, men who are the tools of Wall Street, this hysteria began at this convention. You know the answer I receeived from this great leader of our country Mr. Truman. Mr. BENSON, Russia is a republic much older than we are, therefore we must teach the Russians how to behave, because she is acting like a bull locked in a closed, well there was nothing more I cared to speak about with the executive chief.

"We call our self a democracy, we should be ashamed to mention the word democracy. During the trial of the nazi leaders, I was shocked to hear of such men given freedom as VON POPEN and HJALMAR SCHAT, I was in the first worlds war and this VON POPEN was at that time guilty and should have been executed, and to see him set free after the second time for what he has manipulated was a terrible shock. I could talk and tell you many more things, however you know of these affairs therefore I only appeal to you to organize, work hard. end of quote Mr. ELMER BENSON

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"Mrs COOK introduced the next speaker Mr. POTASHNY of Chicago. Mr. POTASHNY Quote.

"I am very glad to see such a WALLACE gathering here to-night. The situation in the United States is the same as it was in Germany before the war, the fascists are considered as the great patriots in Washington D.C. Semitism is at its highest peak, lynching of the colored people is at its highest level.

"Mr. FORESTAL and the brass hats were at West Keys planning on what is the next step for the next war and I can say, that the Jewish and colored people will be in to sacrifice more then they ever did, they will be intimidated and threatened also treated as they were when HITLER was in power in Germany.

"To-day Germany Italy and Japan have the door open to Washington D.C. these are the countries that killed half a million of our young men and injured permanently over a million, what kind of a democracy is this. We are supporting financially and are preparing to support the fascists governments all over the world with military might, wasting tax payers money.

"To-day in the rotten corrupt country of Greece, we are supporting the most undemocratic country in the world. A labor leader in that country of greece is shot, just to mention of organization, and this law would never be in greece without the United States brass hats backing it. China is another corrupt government, United States is continuously sending money for this useless cause.

"The masses of people are on the march, they will not be exploited by a few capitalists.

"The third party is going to become the first party, indeed many people were surprised to see Mr. ISACSON win in the Bronx, the people in Chicago were also surprised of the great showing of the third party. As Mr. BENSON said the two parties are well financed. The DuPonts and Pew familys, see to it with the press and radio, a man of their choosing becomes President.

"Labor leaders have deserted the rank and file, therefore the work will be harder, however with men like WALLACE, Mr. ROBESON and many others I can assure you our work will not be in vain.

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"As you know to have HENRY WALLACE on the ballot it requires money, It takes money to organize, traveling from county to county. I therefore appeal to you for donations, who will start the ball a rolling with a \$1000.00 contribution, this is the greatest insurance you can buy, end of quote Mr. POTASHNY.

"The Contributions and donations amounted to \$5050.00.

"Mrs. COOK introduced Mr. PAUL ROBESON Mr. ROBESON said 6 numbers.

"Mr. PAUL ROBESON's speech, quote

"I was with HENRY WALLACE last night in Indiana, we had a great rally in Indianapolis, Mr. WALLACE is working hard, tomorrow he will be in Gary Indiana, Saturday in Chicago.

"I have been in Hawia, had several concerts and also made speeches for the common man. Mr BRIDGES the labor leader has the people well organized in Hawia, there is no segregation, there are Japanese, Hawians colored people working together in the pine-apple fields, sugar cane plantations, and as I see these people work, it makes my heart sad, these people are merely existing. The entire pine-apple and sugar cane fields are owned and operated by six families, how can some body keep the working people down.

"I have been in Europe in Spain, France, Yugoslavia, and Russia. The people are on the march, and there are no atomic bombs going to stop this march. All the countries in Europe have some kind of control on profits, the little man must also live. I was born in West Virginia, I am a true American and whatever I can do for my people and also the masses I will do, it is hard work, however what little I can do to make the masses of people in the world happier I will do it. A communist will not step back, he is willing to die for the rights of mankind, end of quote Mr. ROBESON.

"Mrs COOK ended the banquet thanking everybody for their generous contributions."

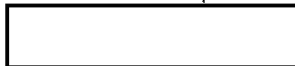
"Some of the people that were present.

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May 17, 1948

"A couple was sitting at my (GEORGE MATIA's) table named
Mr. and Mrs ARTHUR ANDERSON they were from St. Paul Minnesota.
Dr. JOHN F. RUTLEDGE and wife
Rev. CHARLES WILSON and wife
Dr. COOK and wife
Mrs. SACHS
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Mrs. KATERINE SRYVER
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MEMO, SAC:

St. Louis, Missouri
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Re: MISSOURI CITIZENS FOR WALLACE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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"Speech by Krzycki Quote. Fellow Missourians I am very glad to see such a large following for Henry Wallace. It surprises me very much, after last night, what I have seen at the Chicago Stadium, a stadium with a sitting capacity of 23,000. All seats were occupied. Back several years ago, if the politicians wished to have people listen to their campaign speeches, they would have to promise them free, something that flows, which is manufactured in St. Louis and also the town I live in, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"I had the opportunity to sit in the swivel chair as some of you are sitting here, forty years ago. I was elected a legislator of Milwaukee. I also was Sheriff for two years. Had the opportunity to come in contact with William Jennings Bryens, I worked hard to elect Robert LaFollet on a third party, however we did not succeed.

"Today the situation is different, I can venture to tell you that last night there was over \$100,000.00 collected in Chicago, admission tickets were \$2.40, thousands of people were turned away, there were 9 single \$1,000.00 donations.

"Wallace had a remarkable speech, in his speech he proposed that the munition and all plants making war material be taken over by the Government, take all the profits out of war and you will see there will be no war. It is these private enterprise's which have made \$17,100,000 profit last year after taxes were payed. These same selfish and greedy people are clamouring for more war.

"Other speakers gave a great account of the situation which exists in our country today. Albert Fitzgerald of the C.I.O. Glen Taylor and Paul Robeson.

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"Meeting of the executive board, Wallace for president of Missouri held at the Saum Bldg. 302, located at Grand and Franklin. Dr. John Rutledge, President, opened the meeting at 3PM; minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The agenda for to-days meeting.

- 1 enlarge the executive board.
- 2 organizational work.
- 3 callings to the convention.
- 4 arrangements of committees.
- 5 promote the convention.
- 6 conventional speaker.
- 7 nominating committee
- 8 finances.

"A motion was made to place John Kalicak, George Matia and Mrs. Margaret Wilson on the executive board, Kalicak, and Matia represent the American Slav Congress of Greater St. Louis, this was unanimously accepted.

"Mr. Lenard Douglas of Flat River Missouri made a report on the third party movement in the Southern part of Missouri. Quote. Kansas City is not so far advances in the Wallace for President movement as you people here in St. Louis. We had a hard time to elect a president at our meeting, however there is a very good lawyer Mr. Silver Brooner, I mean a working mans friend, he has performed marvelous jobs for the smelters and mine workers.

"The smelters and mine workers are to have their convention in Topeka Kansas the 12th. of April, 1948, day after your convention. Mr. Brooner will be the apeaker. On the 10th of April, the General board of the Wallace for President, are to have an executive board meeting in Chicago. We tried to have Wallace or Taylor, to be the main speaker, however with this meeting in Chicago, it is impossible to have them in Missouri.

"Lawrence Kansas is a strong Republican center, we have 6-7 young people from the University working in this spot and the results seem very promising, there is a dark spot in wicita Kansas. Arkansas is very reactionary. There are many republicans going for Wallace. The Joplin area is strong for Wallace.

"The situation is the same as 1936 when Roosevelt was elected for the second time. Working people are fed up with the two Major parties and are looking for a leader, such as Henry Wallace. End Quote.

"Mrs. Katherine Sryver informed the board, the pamphlets (such as the one I am sending you) are \$100.00 for 6000. There is also a price of \$50.00 on the cheaper paper.

"Mr. John Kalicak informed the chairman the American Slav Congress of Greater

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St. Louis will land them the mailing list of the Slav people in St. Louis.

"Mr. Jack Becker reports of the convention.

"The biggest problem will be the lunch, there are very few restaurants who can accommodate so many people. Finally it was suggested to have box lunches prepared in St. Louis and have the colored and white people eat on the White House steps, due to the fact that Jefferson City is a discrimination center, and have this published in all the Missouri newspapers.

"Mr. Treimen spoke on having representatives at the convention from all 13 districts. There are 13 districts in Missouri.

Districts 4-5-8-9-10-11-12-13, will be well represented by Wallace's supporters.

Mr. Treimen will try to come in contact on the weekends with people in district 1-2, Mr. Becker will do the same in district 3-7.

Report on who will be the main speaker.

"Mrs. Stryver spoke with Mr. Baldwin of New York. Mr. Baldwin informed Mrs. Stryver most of the speakers will be attending the National executive board meeting in Chicago, Ill. on the 11th of April. Three names were suggested, one of the three may come.

Mr. Glen Taylor

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John Kalicak submitted Mr. Leo Krzycki.

"Nominating committee will meet Saturday, in Jefferson City, day before the convention. Dr. Rutledge is to appoint the nominating committee.

Mr. Treiman is to draft the platform.

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| Finances | expense | \$1567.00 |
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It will cost about \$250.00 to place ads in the different papers. All papers, newspapers, labor papers, fraternal papers.

The Progressive Citizens Ass. is in the red.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

There were between 35-40 present.

Dr. John Rutledge

Katherine Stryver

Rosa Brown Bracy

Rebecca Miller

Margaret Wilson

Mr. Ross

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A. W. Wood

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"After the meeting, I asked John Kalicak, what he thought about George Slavik, the Ambassador of Czechoslovakia resigning his office. Kalicak informed me that Slavik is a money man, he is not for the peoples movement in Czechoslovakia. You just wait, in another year conditions in the Slavic countries will be better than here in the United States."

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May 12, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

RE: PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Informant [] attended the convention of the P.C.A. held at Jefferson City, Missouri, in the State Capitol on Sunday, April 11, 1948. The purpose of this convention was to further a new political party, the Progressive Party of Missouri.

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The trip was made from St. Louis on the bus and informant was the bus captain. His bus contained 37 passengers including Mr. & Mrs. SHOTWELL, BOB & IRMA MANEWITZ, ANDREW & MARGIE WILSON, JIMMY COX, Mr. & Mrs. SAM MANEWITZ, LOUISE ROSSEN, Mrs. OWEN WHITFIELD.

The group proceeded to the BOOKER T. HOTEL for dinner. Registration was held on the Third Floor in the State Capitol Building from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and following the registration the group marched into the General Assembly singing a song to the tune of Glory, Glory Hallelujah.

The meeting was held in the Chambers of the House of Representatives, and RUSSELL FARNSWORTH was the chairman. He introduced an elderly man from Chicago, Illinois, as LEO KRYCZKI. He stated that he had been working with the Trade Union Movement and the CIO for the last fifty years. He gave a report concerning a meeting he attended Saturday, April 10, 1948, in Chicago, Illinois, which was attended by 26,000 persons. He said that approximately \$100,000 had been raised at the Chicago meeting and the admission there was \$2.40, that nine persons gave \$1,000, and contributions ranged downward to \$1.00.

He stated that the purpose of this convention was to establish a new political party in Missouri, that the Democrats and Republicans have rotted and they have shown their rottenness by their discrimination against the negro and their unfilled promises; that the new party should be called the Progressive Citizens or Party of Missouri. He said that the P.C.A. has received reports from 35 states that their delegates will come out for WALLACE.

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The ball was started rolling for WALLACE in California, and now the P.C.A. has been called Communist Trotzkyites, and he said that its enemies have looked in the dictionary for the most disgraceful of names. He said that he was present and speaking at the convention because he wanted St. Louis and Missouri to get in the fight for WALLACE.

KRYZCKI said that President TRUMAN had offered a ten-point program of Civil Rights but does not have the ability to serve the United States. He has no power in Congress to secure support for his Civil Rights ideas; that TRUMAN sees only one side of the program and should not be elected President. This individual spoke for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.

The meeting was then broken up into Congressional Districts and informant was assigned to the 11th Congressional District. Those attending this meeting as recognized by the informant were BILL MASSINGALE, LAWYER BUSH, Dr. & Mrs. BRIDGES, LAWYER BUSH'S wife and his daughter, GENEVIEVE, who is a college graduate; MASSINGALE'S daughter; ROSE SANDERS, JAMES CARR, Mr. & Mrs. ANDREW WILSON, AL MURPHY, HELEN MUSIL, RAY KOCH, LOU _____ from Kansas City, Mrs. ROSA BROWN BRACY, and Miss SPENCE.

The purpose of this meeting was to elect committee men and women and those nominated were Dr. BRIDGES, Chairman of this meeting, and ROSA BROWN BRACY, Secretary. Mrs. BRACY was nominated as a delegate to the national meeting as was Dr. BRIDGES.

Margaret Bush Wilson
Precinct Captains elected were GENEVIEVE BUSH, JAMES CARR, and Miss SPENCE.

~~GENEVIEVE BUSH may be MARGARET BUSH WILSON.~~

It was decided at the meeting that it would be referred to Sunday, April 18, at the Pine Street "Y" at 3:00 p.m. for the negotiation of further business. The meeting was then adjourned and the regular Chairman took over and presented a statement of policy as to the needs for a new party; this was read point by point over the public address system and was adopted item by item. Two speakers were allowed for the negative and two for the affirmative, with two minutes allowed for each speaker. The vote was taken by raising the registration cards.

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St. Louis, Missouri

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RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
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"WALLACE SUPPORTERS FROM NEW PARTY IN MISSOURI.

"Jefferson City, Mo.-A new political party in Missouri under the leadership of Henry Wallace-for-President supporters and Negro leaders was formed here in the State Capitol last Sunday when delegates from the PCA-backed Missouri-Citizens-for-Wallace convened in a one-day New Party Founding Convention in the House of Representatives' chamber.

"The 483 delegates from all over the State voted to call themselves the Progressive Party of Missouri and dedicated their party to a program of peace, security and freedom for all people. Over one-third of the delegates were colored.

"INDICATION

"The important role the Negro is expected to play in the new party was indicated in the selection of their State Central Committee and the election of Mrs. Rosa Brown Brady of St. Louis' Eleventh District as national committeewoman. Seven of the present thirty-nine members picked to control the State's third party are colored, with Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, St. Louis attorney, elected vice-chairman of the group by acclamation. Robert Logesdon of St. Louis County was unanimously elected chairman of the committee.

"DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

"Three Negroes were also included among the eight persons elected as delegates-at-large to the party's national convention in Philadelphia this summer. They were J. T. Bush and Mrs. W. C. Bridges of St. Louis

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and Julius B. Jones of Kansas City. Race representation was also included in the list of the party's presidential electors.

"St. Louis' Eleventh District, where 43 percent of the voters are colored, provided the greatest amount of representation on the Central Committee with the selection of Mrs. Wilson, Dr. W. C. Bridges, James Carr and Virginia Spence (white) as members from this area. State-wide members chosen included Mrs. Hazel Teabeau, Jefferson City; Julius B. Jones, Kansas City; Samuel Westerfield, Jefferson City, and Hershel Walker, St. Louis.

"An Eleventh District caucus at the convention failed to reach an agreement on the choice of the colored candidate for Congress on the Progressive ticket. Mrs. Wilson stated the group could not decide on who or how many to run in the Missouri primaries Aug. 3. She explained the district delegation had decided to leave it up to the public at a mass meeting in St. Louis Sunday. The third party candidate will be announced this week.

"MASSINGALE

"State representative William Massingale (D., Eleventh), who had been considered as a likely prospect on the third party ticket, told Courier reporters he definitely would file for Congress in the August primaries but that he had not decided on which party he would attempt to run.

"In addition to taking an active part in the organizational and policy-making levels of the new party, Negro delegates contributed generously to the unusual fund raising campaign carried on at the political convention. Giving \$500 and \$250, respectively, J. T. Bush and Dr. Bridges were the largest contributors at the giant rally for the new party in Capitol House of Representatives.

"KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"In a keynote address to 750 or more delegates and observers at the morning sessions, Leo Kryzchi of Milwaukee, former union leader, charged "working men, churchmen, all men, white and black, not to stop marching behind Wallace" until he gets into the White House. The party platform adopted by the convention after much discussion was full of resolutions against discriminations in all forms.

"Mrs. Wilson closed the one-day meeting with a special appeal to the delegates to get "out in their neighborhood and get votes for Wallace." A goal of 75,000 signatures for a petition to get the new third party on the Missouri ballot was announced. The central committee will meet here again Sunday to pick a slate of candidates for State offices on the Progressive party of Missouri ticket.

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cc - 100-7630 PCA
100-7822 Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy
100-8043 Margaret Bush Wilson ✓
100-6809 Robert B. Logsdon
100-8104 J. T. Bush
100-6906 Dr. W. C. Bridges
100-7959 James Carr
100-7178 Mary Virginia Spence
100-6970 Herchel Walker
100-351 William Massingale

St. Louis, Missouri
June 3, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following article appeared in the Thursday, April 22, 1948 issue of the "St. Louis American":

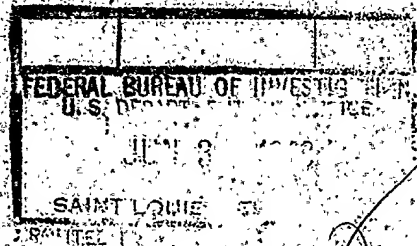
"YOUNG WOMAN LAWYER NAMED FOR CONGRESS BY PROGRESSIVES

"Over 150 people attended the first meeting of the 11th Congressional District of the new Progressive Party, held last Sunday, April 18, at the West End Walters Hall. The party meeting enthusiastically and unanimously endorsed a candidate for Congress from that district, a native St. Louisan, Mrs. Margaret Wilson.

"Mrs. Wilson was recommended for endorsement by the four committee men and women from that district who were elected the week before at the 11th District caucus held during the founding convention of the new party.

"Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy added hearty endorsement, which had special meaning since she herself had been seriously considered for the nomination. Mrs. Bracy was elected national Committee-woman a week ago, the first Negro to serve in this capacity for any Missouri party as far as memory goes.

"Mrs. Wilson entered PCA work almost as soon as PCA work began. She became active in the recent control petition drive of last summer and fall which netted 52,000 signatures of St. Louisans who wanted strong rent control; and placed a proposed rent control ordinance on the ballot for the coming August primaries.



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MEMO, SAC (cont'd.)

"James Carr, chairman of the 18th ward organization, chaired the meeting of the 11th District. He stepped down from the chair to make some remarks against name-calling. He said that the bosses used to dress the bogey-man in black, to keep Negro and white workers separated and to keep wages and working conditions down. Now the bosses dress the bogey-man in red and call him "communist" to keep workers separated. "Let's keep together no matter what they call us," Carr urged.

"Mrs. Wilson is a partner in her husband's law firm at 4200W Page blvd. She received her law degree from the Lincoln University Law School in 1943. She is a member of the bar of both Missouri and Illinois.

"She received her BA degree from Talladega College, Alabama. During her junior year she received a Juliette Herricotte fellowship on which she traveled around the world and spent 6 months studying at the Tagore School in Santiniketan, India.

"She was a lawyer for the Rural Electrification Administration when it was located in St. Louis."

The article is being placed immediately beneath the copy of this memo in 100-8050.


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St. Louis, Missouri

June 4, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following article appeared in the St. Louis American on Thursday, April 22, 1948.

"REP. MASSINGALE GOES OVER TO WALLACE PARTY

"Robert Logsdon, state chairman of the Progressive Party of Missouri, Monday welcomed an elected Democrat to the ranks of the new party.

"He was State Representative William Massingale, who first declared his withdrawal from the Democratic Party at an 11th Congressional District rally which endorsed the candidacy of Margaret Bush Wilson for Congress, held on Sunday, April 17th. Mr. Massingale seconded the action of the District's four committeemen and women in recommending endorsement of Mrs. Wilson.

"In his formal acknowledgment of Mr. Massingale's move, Mr. Logsdon said:

"We of the Progressive Party welcome State Representative William Massingale to the ranks of the new vigorous party of Missouri. He belongs with us. He has given consistently brave leadership in the fight for civil rights and the people's needs.

"His move over from the Democratic Party is typical of a nationwide process today. In some places, according to reports, regular party workers of the two old parties are moving over "in droves. We expected this. The American voters when given a choice will choose the path of progress. And the healthy vigorous leadership still in the old-party structures will join them.

"We plan to send Mr. Massingale back to the State Legislature for another term, under the banner of the Progressive Party."

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cc-100-351 WILLIAM MASSINGALE
100-8043 MARGARET BUSH WILSON ✓
100-6809 ROBERT LOGSDON

June 3, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Informant [] was interviewed on April 26, 1948 concerning his attendance on Sunday, April 18, 1948 at a meeting of the Progressive Party of Missouri held at the Elks Hall, 901 North Vandeventer.

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Informant related that he had to attend church and did not arrive until 4:05 p.m. He left about 4:45 p.m.. While there he heard JOHN CARR talking, and he stated it was the purpose to nominate some person for Congress. He said that both political parties have been talking about democracy and promises but nothing is done. Now the negro would like to see democracy in action. Although BILBO is dead there are many BILBOS remaining in Congress but they don't speak out. They remain silent. St. Louis is full of BILBOS, and they practice JIM CROWISM. They are Democrats and Republicans and while they were rotten before, they are even more so today.

BOB MANEWITZ spoke and said that he was accepting the job of working for MARGARET BUSH WILSON, the group's nominee for Congress, and he wished to accept on behalf of all progressive movements. He did not mention that he was accepting on behalf of the Communist Party.

Dr. W. C. BRIDGES spoke and said that he had been working in politics for the past twenty-two years and would continue to work lending his support to MARGARET BUSH WILSON, and she will win. He said that he had been in many political battles and had never lost. He urged everyone to ring doorbells and convince the people of the cause of the negro.

Some unidentified woman made the statement that if WALLACE is a Communist she is not going to vote for him. ~~The question was asked by someone who was unidentified, "Are butchers in shops Communists?" The question was never answered.~~

Informant related that the following were present:

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Memo, SAC:

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MARGARET BUSH WILSON
Dr. & Mrs. W. C. BRIDGES
HENRY DRAPER
LOUISE ROSSEN
Mr. & Mrs. SAM MANEWITZ
AL MURPHY
ALONZO ATKINS
SARAH SHAW
BERYL STOVER

J. T. BUSH, a real estate man
ANDREW & MARGIE WILSON
BOB & IRMA MANEWITZ
LORA
ELLIOTT WAXMAN
PAULINE MURPHY
RALPH SHAW
GILBERT FISHBACH

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| 100- | J. T. BUSH | 100-427 | LOUISE ROSSEN |
| 100-6986 | Dr. W. C. BRIDGES | 100-7159 | ELLIOTT WAXMAN |
| 100-7968 | ANDREW WILSON | 100-7419 | PAULINE MURPHY |
| 100-7937 | Mrs. ANDREW WILSON | 100-1238 | AL MURPHY |
| 100- | HENRY DRAPER | 100-377 | SARAH SHAW |
| 100-345 | BOB MANEWITZ | 100-7521 | ALONZO ATKINS |
| 100-6853 | IRMA MANEWITZ | 61-109 | RAIPH SHAW |
| 100-6972 | LORA MILLER | 100-7674 | GILBERT FISHBACH |
| | | 100-5264 | BERYL STOVER |

St. Louis, Missouri
June 10, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

RE: PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Informant [] has furnished in duplicate a copy of a report concerning her attendance at the Administrative Committee Meeting for Wallace held on March 2, 1948 as follows:

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"Administrative Committee Meeting (Wallace Organizing Committee)

Time: 8 P.M. March 2nd 1948

Place: Room 302, Saum Bldg. (PCA office).

Present: Jack Becker, Bob Littleton, Mr. Haynes - (Negro), Margaret Wilson (Negress), Harry - with Bob Littleton, Reed Ross, and Katherine Shryver.

"Miss Shryver chaired the meeting. Ann Cecil Cate, recording secretary of Full Ward Organizing Committee took the minutes of the meeting.

"Miss Cate gave report on the 25th Ward Progress (see report on this meeting held at home of Mrs. B. Landesman, 5614 Waterman).

"25th Ward represented by Bob Littleton and a man named Harry. He reported that the Ward had not been broken down into neighborhoods because most all PCA members were bunched together in one section. They are holding regular meetings and have done some canvassing, and, are checking on those in the district who are not registered voters.

"18th Ward represented by Mr. Haynes had no report as Mr. Haynes has been in the hospital. However, Miss Shryver, came to the rescue and said that a meeting had been held. At this point Margaret Wilson appeared and gave a report on the meeting. Five new PCA members were given membership cards. Many plans were made. The greatest progress was the cooperation that had been given by Reverend Pettigrew - (listed

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In telephone book Rev. J. M. Fettegrew, 4353 Enright). He is the big shot in a church Federation Organization of Ministers. He will use his influence with the ministers to assist in having people register to vote. Twenty (20) persons were present. \$14.4 was collected to reimburse a delegate sent to Chicago. Tom Gates, head of Speakers' Committee was also present.

"28th Ward - Reed Ross gave a lengthy report - There had been a precinct Captains Meeting on March 2nd. No place mentioned. A report was given on Bill Miller's speech. A discussion of the New Republic Article on N.Y. Victory was discussed. Pamphlets distributed. Sample of pamphlet enclosed.

"Plans in this Ward are to organize around two issues - a.) Rent Controls b.) Palestine. (This is a thickly populated Jewish area). In order to put over the Ward organizing for Wallace on these issued sample telegrams are to be mimeographed and passed out from door to door and 10¢ collected to send said telegrams to Congressmen and Senators. In this way people will sign the sample telegrams and many new names will be added to the Wallace movement list.

"19th Ward - No representative present. Katherine Shryver said that it is going strong. Moore and Katz are the leaders either in 19th or 23rd not clear.

"23rd Ward - Miss Shryver also reported on this Ward. The representatives found an issue - Poor transportation. Want the bus line out Chippewa past the cemetery. Got 80 signatures in a few short time on a petition. This Ward also offered free service for filling out Income tax reports. No one showed up the first day. 8 persons came the second day to take advantage of this service. Many leaflets were distributed.

"26th Ward Being broken down into neighborhoods. A PCA member, Mr. Louis Peters, did some of the work. He also did free wiring in PCA office. This Ward still in a primitive state.

"University City had no representative present. Robert Gibson is the head man. 2000 leaflets on Palestine were distributed.

"Kinlock - Mr. Jennings called during this meeting and reported that Kinlock PCA-Wallace club was having its 3rd meeting. He asked for speakers to be sent out at the next meeting. Miss Shryver was elated and assured Mr. Jennings that plans would be made.

"Pine Lawn had a stuning meeting - Miss Shryver. The Wallace group plan to run someone for Alderman - A veteran came and said that he came to break up the meeting, but, was so impressed that he joined the group.

"8th Ward Nothing.

"5th & 6th Wards - There are several independent Wallace Clubs not PCA.

MEMO, SAC: (cont'd.)

Miss Shryver plans to meet with some of these groups and bring them into the fold.

"Clayton was represented by Jack Becker. He reported difficulties. County does not print registered voters list for free distribution. There are printed list that can be sold, so the Chief Clerk told Mr. Becker. However, when he went to get these lists he was informed that the powers-to-be had decided not to sell them. The County has been reorganized since 1944 - 1946 elections, so the present maps are of little value. The Board of Election Commissioners say that the old country maps are not for the public eye. The PCA will have to find out the legal rights of its members. However, Miss Shryver, thought that it would be best to wait until after the Founding Convention Apr. 11th in Jefferson City. At that time the Wallace 3rd Party movement will be recognized as an official political Party.

"There was nothing more to report from the Wards. The meeting developed into a discussion of the 'Founding Convention' at Jefferson City April 11th, 1948.

"Points brought out:"

1. There will be no delegates - All PCA members will be delegates. The Convention will be held April 11, 1948. It is the "Founding Convention."
2. Certain committees will be in JO. on Saturday.
3. Buses will leave from PCA headquarters at 7 A.M. Sunday morning April 11th. Round trip tickets \$3.
4. The convention will be held at State Capitol in the House of Representatives Hall.
5. St. Louis wants 800 delegates and their friends.
6. Glen Taylor, Wallace's running mate may be present. Miss Shryver will know for certain Friday night.

"A question was asked by Jack Becker, "Why can't he get Wallace?". Miss Shryver said that she had tried, but, it seems impossible. I got the impression that Mr. Wallace might show up as a "surprise" to the convention.

"The Agenda for the Full Ward Organizing Committee Meeting Friday night, March 5 at Wheatley "Y" was discussed. There will be two points only.

MEMO, SAC: (cont'd.)

"a) Ward reports, and, sharing experiences

b) The Founding Convention

"Miss Shryver said that the latter is the most important point in PCA's history. The meeting adjourned around 10:30 P.M. - "

The duplicate copy of informant's report is to be filed immediately beneath a copy of this memo in 100-7630.

Informant has also furnished a postcard postmarked February 28, 1948 addressed to her which is as follows:

"To Members of the Administrative Committee,
Ward Organizing Committee

"There will be a meeting of the Administrative Committee at the office, Room 302 Saum Bldg., on Tuesday, March 2nd, at 8 p.m. This will be to review our work and plan for a meeting on Friday of the full Ward Organizing Committee.

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Abe Treiman, Chairman "

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| cc-100-7738 | JACK BECKER |
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| 100-new | REED ROSS |
| 100-7900 | KATHRYN SHRYVER |
| 100-7969 | Mrs. BENJAMIN LANDESMAN |
| 100-7003 | TOM GATES |
| 100-7987 | HENRY JENNINGS |

MEMO, SAC:

St. Louis, Missouri
June 11, 1948

Re: MISSOURI CITIZENS FOR WALLACE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

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Informant [redacted] furnished this office, on May 8, 1948, an original letter postmarked March 16, 1948, received from the Missouri Citizens For Wallace, which contained the following minutes of the executive board meeting of the Missouri Citizens for Wallace, held on Sunday, March 7, 1948 at the Organization's Headquarters, Room 302, Saum Building, St. Louis, Missouri.

" MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE BOARD Meeting
of the MISSOURI CITIZENS FOR WALLACE, Sunday, March 7, 1948
held at MCW Headquarters, Room 302 Saum Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

"Present: Chairman John F. Rutledge; Vice-chairman W. C. Bridges; Secretary Rosa Brown Bracy; Jack Becker, J. A. Carr, St. Louis; Matthais Clark, Midridge; Lester Douglas, Herculanum; Dr. A. W. Dowd, Henry F. Draper, St. Louis; L. K. England, Sullivan; Arlene Engelmeyer, St. Louis, Youth for Wallace; Douglas C. MacLeod; A. M. Sosna; A. Treiman, St. Louis; Linus Wampler, Flat River.

"Present and voted as members of Executive Board: Esther Baron, St. Louis; Leonard Douglas, Flat River; John Kallioiek, George Matia, St. Louis; All-Slav Congress; Marilyn Moscowitz; Morris Pearlmutter; Charles C. Wilson; Margaret Bush Wilson, St. Louis.

"Voted proxy powers in absence of Kansas City Board members, Eldon O. Phillips.

"Staff members: Katherine Shryver, Reid Ross.

"Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker, Mrs. Eldon O. Phillips.

"Minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected to include approval of another addition to the proposed platform of the New Party: "Increase on-the-job training payments. Increase subsistence allotment payments to student veterans."

"The following agenda was read and accepted:

Enlargement of Executive Board
Report of Organization since last meeting
Report of Arrangements Committee
Discussion of Plans to Promote Convention
Appointment of Nominating Committee
Report on Calls to Convention
Finances

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"Mr. Leonard Douglas reported that he had attended a state meeting in Topeka, Kansas the day before and that the situation there looked favorable to get Wallace's name on the ballot. He said there was evidence of support in all areas except Kansas City and Wichita. A well-known labor lawyer of Pittsburgh, Kansas, was elected state chairman. He said, "If one is going to be progressive, he has to be a rebel."

"Mr. Douglas has been impressed with the potential labor support for Wallace in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas, and declared that the locals of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers were going on record for Wallace. He added that in this coming election there would, in his opinion, be many Republicans voting for Wallace."

"Miss Shryver reported that 6000 calls to the convention have been printed on heavy paper for mailing; and that the plan is to print 20 thousand more on cheaper paper for distribution, and upwards of 50,000 one-page leaflets bearing the same essential information, for door-to-door and plant-gate distribution. After discussion, the figure of 20,000 was changed to 15,000 based on the following requests for board members:

- 5000 - MMSW
- 2000 - All-Slav Congress
- 3000 - Ministers
- 500 - Federated Clubs
- 500 - business men
- 1000 - educators

leaving some for later requests.

"Mr. Becker as chairman of the Arrangements Committee gave assurance that the convention will be held in the Capitol Bldg.; however, he suggested retaining the Governor Hotel Ballroom in case the unexpected should arise, and to be used for committee purposes. He reported that Board member Russell Farnsworth went to Jefferson City from Columbia to work on eating arrangements. The lunch room at the Capitol is not available. Inquiries have been made into taking box lunches from St. Louis and also eating at the Booker T., at Lincoln University and at the Missouri Hotel. If it is found impossible to serve the delegation because of discrimination, a one-meal hunger strike by the entire delegation was proposed by Mr. Abe Treiman. After discussion, Mr. Charles Wilson's proposal that we all eat box lunches together on the steps of the Capitol was accepted. The arrangements committee was authorized to provide box lunches for the noon meal on Sunday. (Later we learned that we cannot eat anywhere on the Capitol grounds and final arrangements on eating will be worked out at the next board meeting.)

"Mr. Becker reported that chartered busses will leave from in front

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of the Wabash Station in St. Louis and from the corner of Grand and Franklin at 7 a.m. Sunday, April 11th. Round-trip tickets will cost \$3. He recommends that other cities try to work out similar transportation plans.

"Appointment of a committee on organizing the convention was recommended to the chair. In an effort to establish working contacts in those areas where we have none and where work is not being done, Mr. Jack Becker agreed to make a trip to Kansas City (4th and 5th Congressional Districts) and to the 3rd and 6th Congressional Districts; Mr. MacLeod and Mr. Treiman to make week-end trips into the first Congressional District; and Mr. Leonard Douglas, the 7th Congressional District. Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy has offered to travel for Wallace, probably in the northeastern area.

"It was reported that several board members have sent in contact lists as requested since the last executive board meeting. Others are urged to do so.

"It was agreed that responsibility for candidates would rest largely with the Congressional Districts themselves. Miss Shryver suggested that if each Congressional District could hold a working conference before the convention, reports on candidates could be brought to the convention caucuses which should be by Congressional District; and of course attendance spurred. However, this suggestion was not discussed further.

"After a report that Wallace and Taylor were unavailable, a motion was passed that special efforts be made to obtain Mr. Leo Isacson, the new Congressman from the Bronx. The group approved the addition of the name of Mr. Leo Kryzcki to the list of prospective keynote speakers.

"Mr. Douglas MacLeod gave a discussion of the legal aspects of running candidates and filling offices of the new party. He will summarize this report and the same will be attached or will be forwarded to you.

"The chair reported that no Nominating Committee has been appointed. It was agreed that this committee must be made up of members from each Congressional District who will meet on Saturday April 10th prior to the convention, and that it will serve the purpose of nominating members for the internal structure of the new party. A motion was passed that the legal committee be authorized to instruct the Nominating Committee as to its functions.

"Mr. Dowd suggested that we have a party emblem. He was appointed chairman of a committee to look into this and report to the national founding convention of the new party which will be held in June.

"Mention was also made that the new party needs a creed and a constitution. No action was taken.

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"In order that the legal requirements be covered respecting the founding of a new party--that is, that public notice be given of the founding convention--MCW shall place classified ads in the three St. Louis daily papers and the Kansas City Star for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at minimum cost.

"For the sake of advertising the founding convention, display advertisements should be placed in the Missouri Ruralist, the MFA Journal, the trade union papers, the nationality and Negro press, and any other widely read rural paper,

"\$250 was allocated for these advertisements. The classified ads in addition, Morris Pearlmutter to be consulted on format of ads.

"A motion was passed to use the representation leaflets to enroll those people who cannot go to the convention themselves but who wish to hear a report on the convention from someone who does attend. See attached sheet.

"Reid Ross made a financial report. Expenditures to the amount of \$1,617.53 were authorized. In addition, expenditures were authorized to place classified ads to cover the legal requirements of "public notice" being given of the founding convention. Anticipated income to meet the expenditures is \$1,499.36, and in order to make up this deficit, members of the Executive Board were urged to solicit funds between this meeting and the next meeting.

"Motion was passed that the existing Ways and Means Committee be given MCW responsibility; that it be enlarged by the addition of Leonard Douglas and John Kaliciek and that it be permitted to enlarge itself, especially with out-state representation.

"Passed: That MCW authorize the payment of all outstanding bills which PCA itself cannot meet.

"In view of the necessity for increased involvement of the Kansas City group and adjacent areas, it was voted to hold the next meeting of this committee in Kansas City, Mo., on March 21, 1948, at 2 p.m. at a place to be provided by the Kansas City group.

Rosa Brown Bracy, Secretary
Katherine Shryver, Exec. Sec."

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cc 100-6856 - John Rutledge
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100-7822 - Rosa Brown Bracy
100-7738 - Jack Becker

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100-7959 - James A. Carr
100- - Henry F. Draper
100-6876 - Lewis K. England
100-7922 - Arlene Engelmeyer
100-8030 - Youth for Wallace
100-7131 - Douglas MacLeod
100-8100 - A. M. Sosna
100-7655 - Dave Treiman
100-7762 - Linus Wampler
100-7918 - Esther Barón
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100-8043 - Margaret Bush Wilson
100-499 - Rev. Charles C. Wilson
100-7908 - Katherine Shryver
100-4001 - Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
100- - Reid Ross
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The following names appearing in the report
have been indexed:

LESTER DOUGLAS
Dr. A. W. DOWD
JOHN KALICIEK
MARILYN MOSCOWITZ
MORRIS PEARLMUTTER

Saint Louis, Missouri
June 12, 1948

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THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
LITTON COURTESY - C

Informant [redacted] furnished on May 5, 1948, a letter postmarked April 30, 1948, from the Progressive Party of Missouri which invites her to attend a special meeting of the Progressive Party candidates and the State Central Committee members living in St. Louis, ward leaders, and organizers, at 302 Sans Building, Grand and Franklin, on May 4, 1948.

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It is signed W.L. BRIDGES, Chairman, Progressive Party, State Central Committee.

The letter is dated April 30, 1948, and is on the stationery of the Progressive Party of Missouri.

The letter as well as the original envelope are being maintained in 100-8059-1A. Copies are being designated for various files as this is one of the first letterheads of this new party.

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100-6899 - ROBERT S. LOOTON
100-8049 - MARGARET BUSH TILGH
100-7655 - PAUL HYMAN
100-8058 - Doctor JOHN H. THAYER
100-7822 - ROGER EARL H. LACE
100-7762 - MISS MARIE
100-8058 - Doctor W.C. EDWARDS
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June 14, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

RE: MISSOURI CITIZENS FOR WALLACE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Informant [] furnished on May 8, 1948 a copy of the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of the Missouri Citizens for Wallace, held Sunday, March 21, 1948, at Fellowship House, 1426 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, as follows: b2 b7D

"Present: Chairman JOHN F. RUTLEDGE, Vice-chairman W. C. BRIDGES; ESTHER BARON; ABE TREIMAN, DOUGLAS MacLEOD, HENRY F. DRAPER, A. M. SOSNA, St. Louis; LESTER DOUGLES, HERCULANEUM; Treasurer REBECCA MILLER, St. Louis; JAMES T. BUSH, St. Louis; RUSSELL FARSWORTH, Columbia; LAWRENCE SCOTT, Kansas City; ARLENE ENGELMEYER, St. Louis, Youth for WALLACE; MARGARET WILSON; LINUS WAMPLER, Flat River.

"Guests: Mr. ROBERT WILSON, Mr. WILLIAM MASSINGALE, Mr. M. MILLER, St. Louis.

"Present and voted as members of Executive Board: Mrs. MARGARET HARRIS, Mr. JOHN HENRY HARRIS, Mr. JULIUS JONES, Mr. GENE ROMANO, Kansas City; Mr. KENNETH HAAS, Mr. RAY EISENHAUER, Columbia; Mr. AL FRIEDMAN, a member of the Machinist Union, St. Louis; Mrs. JOE ROMANO, Kansas City.

"Staff members: KATHERINE SHRYVER, RUTH PETERS, REID ROSS.

"Minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss SHRYVER. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Miss SHRYVER then read WALLACE's statements written on the anniversary of the Truman Doctrine.

"A wire from Mr. C. B. BALDWIN saying that WALLACE will be testifying before Congress March 30th on Universal Military Training and suggesting that rallies be held by local organizations throughout the country on this day.

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"A motion was made that the idea of having demonstrations be approved with details left for each local organization to carry out. Seconded and carried.

"Emphasis was put upon the importance of letters and wires going to the President and Congressmen continuously, and particularly, at or immediately after the March 30th demonstrations.

"Mrs. MARGARET WILSON gave a legal report on the Legal Committee's work and explained the printed information in detail. Mrs. WILSON suggested that the committees to function before the convention be the Nominating, the Platform, By-laws, and Servicing Committees. (The latter committee to furnish leaflets, maps, district information. This committee was later added to the existing Arrangements Committee).

"Questions that arose about legal matters, and which were referred to the Legal Committee were:

1. That this report be referred to the Secretary of State.
2. That this report be sent to the National Legal Committee for WALLACE.
3. Question about what is done in cross-filing of names in this state.
4. Whether or not there is a place on the election ballot for presidential electors.

"A motion was made that the first part of the Legal Committee's report be used as a guide in developing this organization, and adopted as an official paper of the MCW, to be distributed as such. Seconded and passed.

"Other points made with reference to the convention:

1. Convention procedure should be as streamlined as possible, with many of the details worked out ahead.
2. That four main officers should emerge.
3. Choosing of the campaign manager and his problems to be the job of the central committee.
4. That presidential electors come out of the convention.
5. That those here present should constitute the immediate provisional central committee.

"A motion was made that legal questions be restricted to the Legal Committee, and that the various committees refer to the Legal Committee for answers to their legal problems. Seconded and passed.

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"Mrs. WILSON advised that the Nominating, Platform and By-Laws Committees be appointed at this meeting; and the following people were named by the Chairman to serve on the Nominating Committee - DOUGLAS MACLEOD, LEONARD DOUGLAS, Mr. J. T. BUSH, Mr. WM. MASSINGALE, Mrs. MARGARET HARRIS, Mr. RUSSELL FARNSWORTH; and Mr. WILLIAM TITTAMIN, of Springfield, Missouri. The chairman would make additional appointments to this committee when necessary.

"Each member was given a printed report of the Platform Committee's work. This report is to be considered a rough draft. Each person should study and make notes on this report and mail the latter in to the committee, which will then take up the suggestions at the next meeting of the Platform Committee. This report varies from the Call in that it makes no attempt to formulate a pre-convention platform to be adopted.

"Mr. LAWRENCE SCOTT objected to the "unqualified use of unilateral action" in the report. He suggested that we clearly condemn unilateral action of all countries, specifically the Soviet Union—and that the paragraph describing this be clarified. Subsequently the latter part of the report was changed to read, "We believe with HENRY WALLACE that for any nation was changed to read, "We believe with HENRY WALLACE conditions of war."

"Mr. TREIMAN suggested that the state sales tax be fought as a campaign issue. Mr. MACLEOD stated his agreement with this. It was pointed out that this tax was passed as a relief measure but that by now it furnished the state with 50% of the revenue. Mr. BALL asked whether this group had authority to pass on such issues for the rest of the state. It was answered that these were to be suggestions recommended at Jefferson City.

"A motion was made that the sales tax issue be recommended at Jefferson City, to be used as a campaign issue. Mr. BALL asked whether this information on this tax issue, Mrs. HARRIS said the Research Committee of the Kansas City organization would forward the information for this.

"Mrs. REBECCA MILLER gave the report of the Arrangements Committee. It was pointed out that box lunches could not be eaten on the grounds and advised that people eat on the buses during the trip so as not to use up valuable time after arrival. Details of all arrangements are to be worked out during the coming week. The Servicing Committee became part of the Arrangements Committee. Dr. RUTLEDGE suggested that Mrs. HARRIS, together with a helper, be put on the Arrangements Committee.

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"It was suggested that a badge be worn by individuals at the convention; also, that a means of determining the qualified voters be found. (Referred to the Legal Committee.)

"Mr. RUSSELL FARNSWORTH suggested that there be two-minute speeches and the use of official stamped ballots. He noted the importance of having a sargeant-at-arms, as well as a good chairman of the plenary session. He also said that a large number of spectators were expected to come from Columbia and Rolla. It was agreed that the qualified voters were to have preference in the seating, and the spectators considered second. It was suggested that there be separate tables for voters, and a roped-off area.

"There were estimates made of the number of people coming from various sections:

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| St. Louis | 500 to 600 |
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| Joplin | 75 |
| Springfield | 30 |
| Jefferson City | 100 |
| Crystal City & 18th | |
| Congressional District | 75 to 80 |
| Columbia | 500 |

"Miss SHRYVER reported that LEO KRYZCKI, retired vice president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union will be the keynote convention speaker. Mr. PAUL ROBESON, speaking in St. Louis on April 9th, will be the curtain raiser. Miss SHRYVER asked if the board wishes to invite the Cosmopolitan Choir to sing.

"Miss SHRYVER said that in line with the National Office MCW should see that at least two people attend the Chicago convention to be held April 9th, 10th, and 11th. MARCEL KOVARSKY was named as a representative from St. Louis.

"A motion was made that three people go to Chicago, one from St. Louis, one from Kansas City and one from the state-at-large to be named by Miss SHRYVER. Seconded and passed.

"It was also noted that the campaign director be in Chicago April 12th, and that Miss SHRYVER will go in this capacity unless there is a change at Jefferson City.

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"A motion was made that Mr. RUSSELL FARNSWORTH be chairman of the plenary session at Jefferson City. Seconded and passed.

"Mr. REID ROSS presented a revised budget for MCW having anticipated receipts of \$2,825.53 and anticipated expenditures of \$3,017.42, leaving a deficit of \$191.89. He suggested that three or four names be added to the Ways and Means Committee from Kansas City. He said that Mr. PAUL ROBESON and Mr. EIMER BENSON, chairman of the National WALLACE-for President Committee were to be in St. Louis April 8th for a pre-convention dinner. Pleasant Green Baptist Church is to be used for a birthday party for Mr. ROBESON and a WALLACE Rally. On April 9th, THEODORA PECK is to come in to help on last minute details. A girl should be hired for three weeks to take charge of ROBESON-rally tickets, and bus tickets. Estimated cost of the church affair is \$950.00 and the clearance estimate is \$750.00.

"A motion was made that the budget and plans to use ROBESON for April 9th for fund raising be approved. Seconded and carried.

"Plans for an informal dinner at the Statler Hotel were described.

"A motion was made that \$500 be borrowed to meet immediate expenses. Seconded and passed.

"Miss ARLENE ENGLEMEYER asked for an allocation of \$30 for expenses to be incurred for work for WALLACE with the Youth-for- WALLACE group.

"A motion was made that Mr. RUSSELL FARNSWORTH, Mr. JANS, and Mr. JOE ASTOR constitute a liaison committee to work with the young people's group; that an additional \$250 be borrowed and used for youth work throughout the state for this committee's expenses; \$50 of this to go to St. Louis. Seconded and carried. This increases anticipated deficit to \$441.89.

"The meeting adjourned.

"JOHN F. RUTLEDGE, Chairman
KATHERINE SHRYVER, Exec. Sec.
JO ROMANO, acting Secretary

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Informant has also furnished a legal brief prepared by MARGARET BUSH WILSON concerning the establishment of a new political party in the State of Missouri.

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June 14, 1948

These exhibits are being maintained in 100-7913, together with the original envelope postmarked March 31 containing these exhibits which envelope was received by the Informant.

It is noted that the informant is a member of the Executive Board of the Missouri Citizens for WALLACE but was unable to attend this meeting.

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MEMO, SAC:

Re:

Margaret (Bud) Wilson

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4/26/48 1:40PM OG RALPH SHAW to JACK BECKER at PCA, NO 9022.

RALPH said "Your state representative candidates are filed locally." JACK said yes, he knew. RALPH asked if all the people are filed for the State at Jefferson City. JACK said "not all, probably one or two more. The only person whose declaration has actually gone in is MARGARET (BUSH) WILSON). RALPH said he had talked with some of JACK's "erstwhile friends from P.A.C. and they said you guys have got a swell head. I wonder, is there any connection between you guys?" JACK said BOB (LOGSDON) drops over there ever so often." RALPH said "evidently somebody is worried, and it's not you guys." Both laughed. RLF

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St. Louis, Missouri
June 17, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
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[redacted] has furnished a letterhead of the above-named reflecting address of 302 Gaup Building, 3529 Franklin Avenue, which is dated April 23, 1948 over the signature of ANN HURLEY, in behalf of the Youth for Wallace Committee.

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This letterhead which is being filed as an exhibit in instant file reflects the following officers:

ROBERT B. LOBBION, Chairman
MARGARET WILSON, Vice-Chairman
EILEEN VALLI, Secretary
A. FREEMAN, Treasurer
JOHN F. KUTITZ, National Co-Mitteeman
ROSA BROTHMAN, National Committeewoman
DAVID BALL
MATTHIAS CLARK
KENNETH HAAS
MARGARET HARRIS
JULIUS JONES
LAWRENCE SCOTT
LINUS CAMPBELL, Co-Chairman

The names of EILEEN VALLI, DAVID BALL, MATTHIAS CLARK, KENNETH HAAS, MARGARET HARRIS, JULIUS JONES, LAWRENCE SCOTT, and LINUS CAMPBELL, have been indexed.

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Re: RAY KOCH
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Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished this office on June 3, 1948, with a copy of the issue of the Worker for Sunday, April 13, 1948. It contained an article written by RAY KOCH, who is believed to be identical with the subject, and bears a by-line at Jefferson City, Missouri.

This article is a resume of the meeting at Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 11, 1948, when a new political party was formed, now the Progressive Party of Missouri.

This article is as follows:

"JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--On April 11th, 1948, a New Party was born here--The Progressive Party of Missouri. One thousand persons representing all of the thirteen legislative districts of the state poured into this capital city in long lines of busses painted with slogans such as 'WALLACE in '48' and Jim-crow Must Go."

"St. Louis Eleventh Congressional District with a large Negro and workingclass population, sent the largest delegation--adding weight to elect a Congressman on the Progressive Party ticket. Kansas City sent a strong delegation, as did Columbia, Springfield, and Flat River in the heart of the lead belt. Scores of other towns and rural communities sent several car-loads of delegates and gave the convention a real grass roots character."

"Negro and white workers, students, women, farmers and professionals marched into the Capitol singing the new WALLACE Song--'The People's March Is On' and filled every available seat in the House Chamber. They met in serious session from eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening. A new party was born."

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"ROBERT LOGSDON of St. Louis, International representative of the CIO United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, was named state chairman of the Progressive Party of Missouri. MARGARET BISH WILSON, young Negro woman attorney of St. Louis, was named vice chairman.

"Dr. JOHN RUTLEDGE of Crystal City, retiring chairman of Missouri Citizens for WALLACE, was elected National Committeeman. Mrs. ROSA EMMETT BRACY, Negro woman leader and veteran anti-poll tax fighter, was elected National Committeewoman.

"The keynote address to the convention was delivered by veteran labor leader and member of the National WALLACE for President Committee, HED KRZYCKI. The convention was chaired by RUSSELL FARNSWORTH, militant student veteran of Columbia, active member of AVO.

"The National WALLACE Committee, in session in Chicago, sent greetings to the New Party convention. KRZYCKI's personal greetings from WALLACE and his description of the meeting of 23,000 at Chicago Stadium brought the cheering convention to its feet.

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"KRZYCKI drew laughter when he called upon the people of Missouri to 'redeem themselves' for having given the nation a 'man from Independence' (Missouri). He asked Missouri to do this by joining the other 47 states in sending WALLACE to Washington. He then chided 'free enterprise' advocates by pointing out the 14 depressions they have created in the 'midst of plenty.'

"KRZYCKI drew further applause when he lashed out at 'name calling.' He quoted at length from clippings to cite historical examples of 'red baiting' applied to other of America's greatest men.

"The historic founding convention was preceded by a birthday party for PAUL ROBESON in St. Louis—a pre-convention rally attended by 1,000 WALLACE supporters. The people at the rally and at the convention dug down into their pockets to contribute over \$10,000 to support the WALLACE for President campaign in Missouri.

"AN OUTSTANDING FEATURE of the convention was the organizing ability and initiative demonstrated by this people's movement. Missouri Citizens for WALLACE opened headquarters at the Hotel Governor in Jeff City. There various committees started working Saturday. They toiled until the early hours of Sunday to prepare

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their recommendations and reports. The participation of Negro and white delegates, and particularly women, demonstrated real team-work. The Jimcrow policy prevalent in this Capitol City was struck a heavy blow by the unity demonstrated at the convention.

"Students from Missouri and Lincoln universities directed incoming delegates, registered them, and ushered in the meeting. A ban on eating food at the Capitol, headlined as 'news' by the local press, was overcome. The convention was in continuous session without adjournment as members of the various caucuses held their meetings and ate their lunches in their buses.

"They elected 43 representatives to the State Central Committee and proposed 13 Congressional District Electors.

"MOST OF THE DISCUSSION arose over consideration of a policy statement.

"On the question of peace, the overwhelming majority of convention participants took a strong position for fighting concretely against the war measures and war hysteria of the two old parties of Wall Street. They rejected proposals to sidetrack the main struggle for utopian notions of 'World Government' 'World police' etc.

"The policy statement indicted the two old parties in Missouri as tools of the trusts and real estate interests, and as authors of anti-labor laws such as the KING-THOMPSON and MADISON Acts.

"HERE in the Missouri State Capitol was a real People's legislative body at work--comparable to the people's government of Reconstruction Days. A People's gathering active today in founding a real People's Party in a spirit that in the near future 'the people will regain control of their destiny and build a peaceful, secure and free America.'

"This is best typified by the convention's stand on civil rights. We propose in Missouri the immediate enactment of a state FEPC. We stand for a Civil Rights law in Missouri to prevent discrimination and segregation of minority groups in public places and in the use of all public services. We hold with the principle that educational institutions be made available to all regardless of race, creed, color or national origin."

The foregoing article was clipped from the Worker by Stenographer SUS GARRETT on June 4, 1948.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Third-Party Whips— Playing a prominent role at the Progressive party's convention at Philadelphia last week, Negroes won a number of key posts and helped devise strategy for the fall slate. Left to right: Shirley Graham of New York, a field secretary of the NAACP; Dr. Metz Lechard of Chicago; Dr. Joseph Johnson of Washington, D. C., Dean of Medicine at Howard University; Dr. Ulysses Campbell of Orange, N. J., candidate for Congress; Earl B. Dickerson of Chicago, candidate for Congress; Atty. Willard B. Ransom of Indianapolis, Ind.; Larkin Marshall of Macon, Ga., candidate for Senate; Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson of St. Louis, Mo., State party chairwoman; Magistrate Joseph H. Rainey of Philadelphia; Atty. Alfred M. Carroll of Louisville, Ky., and Allan Treton of Philadelphia, candidate for State Legislature.—Lawson Photos.

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RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
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The following report dated June 19, 1948 was received from Confidential Informant [redacted]. The original of this report is being filed in 62-10914 and the duplicate copy is to be considered a part of the original memorandum and filed immediately beneath it in 100-5500. The duplicate report should not be marked, mutilated or serial-ized.

Luncheon given in honor of Mrs. Henry Wallace

PLACE: Palm Room-Kingway Hotel-Just Pine & K-H-Hwy
Date: June 19th, 1948
Time: 1 P.M. (Began at 2:50)

The luncheon was served at 1:50 P.M. It was a punk luncheon as far as food went. It was over in thirty minutes. I estimated about 150 persons (mostly women) present. The few important men were Abe Trel-men, Douglas McLeod, Jack Becker, Marcel Kovarsky and a Jewish man who resembles Kovarsky only not as dark skinned. I learned from Eunice Gott-lieb (alias from Canada) that he is from Illinois and works for the UDO. William Messingale and a few other Negro and white men made up the gentle-men in the group. The important women and the ones known to me are listed among the sponsors listed on the program enclosed. Virginia Loggans's name does not appear but she was present and handed Jack Becker a card and what appeared to be a check. Virginia's name is never read out in public.

Fannie Cook chaired the meeting after the luncheon. The first activity was the singing of Paul Robeson's song "The People's March is On." A woman about thirty, tall with light brown hair cut close-the new look in hair "do", led the singing with vim and vigor. Her distinctive quality is a deep, coarse talking voice and a good singing voice.

Fannie then introduced a few people who were at the speakers' table- Mrs. Callace who is stout and nothing in appearance that one would not find on every Iowa Farm. She has a pretty face and dresses simply in black. She did not open her mouth - just called! Mrs. Bob Loggans was introduced as the

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wife of the candidate for Governor; Mrs. E. C. Bridges was also introduced. I do not know why unless she holds some kind of an office; Fannie Goldberg also received accolade as the Secretary of the Progressive Party of Missouri. Mrs. Rosa E. Bracy was also introduced with a little praise. She was field director of some kind of a Negro organization for six years. Mrs. M. Harris and Mrs. M. P. Wilson were not introduced as they were going to speak. Mrs. Bracy was the first speaker. She gave the usual line of drizzle about Government with all of her fine feathers Mrs. Bracy is very much of a Negro in action and talk. Mrs. Harris was the second speaker. She is young, blonde, short hair and rather nice looking. She is not a good speaker and talks a lot without saying anything. Her speech wandered from "What is a Communist" to the faults of our present government and the glories of Henry Wallace. In fact, according to Mrs. Harris our whole set up of Government should be changed and the Progressive Party should be given supreme power-sort of a "Divine Light" of King's idea, only the Divine isn't mentioned. She was not enthusiastically received. Margaret Wilson got the applause. She by far, the smartest one of the whole bunch and she is an attractive Negroess. Mrs. Cook in introducing Margaret won a travelling fellowship when she was in law school and spent six months in India. Margaret was really dressed up-over-dressed for a luncheon. She wore a black short sleeve-low neck dress with the new look, pearls, long black gloves and a small fancy hat with a white flower. I could not see if she wore "den golden slippers" or not. Margaret does not get very radical in her speeches. Now and then she becomes most emphatic. She said that since she had become a candidate for Congress she had read more political and economic books than she read in college. She said that she planned to talk on the part women have played in our political life. She took Susan P. Anthony as her ideal. She was a bit witty about the career of Susan in politics. The moral of the story was that women should do more talking in our political life. She touched briefly on what is wrong with our present government set-up. According to the Progressive Party there is nothing right in our present way of Government.

During the speaking Jack Becker was flitting here and there and talking to people. He was attempting to collect money, either cash or pledges and I mean collecting. I listen to him talking to one woman. He asked her to pledge \$50. She said "Are you kidding?" After he left she turned to a friend and said "One time it is 100 dollars, the next time forty and now he wants fifty."

Margaret Wilson concluded her speech and then began the collecting. She asked first for \$100. A Mr. Martin gave the first hundred; Mrs. Bridges gave the second. Mrs. Rosa Crossman gave \$75.00. Then on and on to twenty-five and ten- and five. I suppose about \$500. was collected. I left because I decided that the affair was over and I did not want to give even a dollar at this time.

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There was a table in the back of the Palm Room full of literature. I looked this over during the speeches. In a separate envelope is all of the literature except a pamphlet called "FACTS TO FIGHT WITH for HALLAM and the NEW FRONT." It is a booklet to be used by workers for the Hallam-Taylor clinic. It is published by the National Alliance for President Committee-100 West 56th St. New York, 18, N. Y. Booklet to be delivered personally as it is bulky to put in the mail."

The following names appearing in this report have been indexed:
HAROLD KRYWART, JUNIOR GORDON, ROSE TROTSKY, Mrs. W. C. TROTSKY, Mrs. H. TROTSKY, Mrs. H. B. GILSON, ROSE GORDON, Dr. HARRIS.

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MEMO: SAC

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY of Missouri
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On May 10, 1948, [] was interviewed and gave the following information:

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CHARLES GILMORE called him at his home, 4044 Aldine, on May 8, 1948 and asked him to come to a meeting of the Progressive Party Sunday, May 9, 1948, at 2:00 P.M., at the Saum Building, Grand and Franklin, St. Louis, Missouri.

[] attended this meeting. CHARLES GILMORE acted as chairman and said that the meeting was concerned with the 11th and 13th Congressional Districts. GILMORE stated that he was temporarily acting as State organizer of the Progressive Party. Besides Gilmore, there were present--HUTCHINSON, a negro lawyer, MARGARET BUSH WILSON and her husband ROBERT WILSON, an old white fellow who said he was from the 30th precinct of the 4th ward, and three others, two of whom were colored. There were 8 present in all. GILMORE stated they were trying to get organized in the 11th and 13th Congressional Districts. He asked WILLIAMS to form the Progressive Party and offered him positions in the organization as an officer. However, when GILMORE learned that Informant worked for the City of St. Louis, he agreed that [] should not take any such position. It was finally agreed that [] should act as the chairman of the 8th precinct of the 4th Ward.

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RE: YOUTH FOR WALLACE
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[redacted] has furnished a document entitled "Call to a National Founding Convention of a Youth Organization" to be held in Philadelphia on July 25 and 26, 1948, of the National Youth for Wallace Committee. This item contains a "sponsors list (partial)" which contains the following names of local interest:

ROBERT BROOKS, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.
MARGARET BUSH WILSON, Candidate for Congress, St. Louis, Mo.

This item is being filed as an exhibit herein.

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MEMO, SAC:

St. Louis, Missouri
August 3, 1948

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There is filed herein as an exhibit, a photograph which was taken at a luncheon sponsored by the Women's Division of Subject in honor of Mrs. HENRY A. WALLACE at Hotel Kings-Way on the afternoon of June 19, 1948, which was furnished to the writer on July 12, 1948 by [redacted]

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The photograph consists of the nine persons who were seated at the head table, who are as follows:

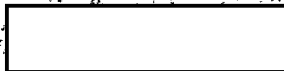
Left to right:

Mrs. FANNIE GOLDBERG, Mrs. W. C. BRIDGES, Mrs. ROBERT B. LOGSDON, Mrs. MARGARET BUSH WILSON, Mrs. HENRY A. WALLACE, Mrs. FANNIE COOK, Mrs. MARGARET HARRIS, Mrs. ROSA BROWN BRACY, and Mrs. CLARENCE BINGAMAN.

The following names are being indexed:

Mrs. W. C. BRIDGES, Mrs. ROBERT B. LOGSDON, Mrs. HENRY A. WALLACE, Mrs. MARGARET HARRIS, and Mrs. CLARENCE BINGAMAN.

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SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI
July 16, 1948

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RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
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b7D Two copies of "Facts to Fight with For Wallace and the New Party" published
by National Wallace President Committee which have been furnished by [redacted]
and [redacted] are filed herein as exhibits.

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is also filed as an exhibit herein which reflects the following officers of
subject:

ROBERT B. LOGSDON - Chairman
MARGARET WILSON - Vice-Chairman
DEBBE BERENSON - Secretary
A. TRIELMAN - Treasurer
JOHN F. FUTLEDGE - National Committeeman
ROSA BROWN BRACY - National Committeewoman
DAVID BALL -
MATHEAS CLARK -
KENNETH HAAS -
MARGARET HARRIS - Co-Chairmen
JULIUS JONES -
LAWRENCE SCOTT -
LINUS WALFLE -
ANDRE PELET - Speakers Bureau Director

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St. Louis, Missouri
August 5, 1948

MEMO, SAC

Re: Women's Division,
Progressive Party of Mo.
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Informant [redacted] has furnished in duplicate a report dated May 26, 1948, concerning her attendance at a meeting of the Women's Division of the Progressive Party of Missouri.

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The informant's report is as follows:

"The meeting was held in a hall, SW corner main floor, Kingsway Hotel, 23 Women were present. VIRGINIA SPENCE chaired the meeting and was the guiding light. It was announced by VIRGINIA that four committeewomen had issued invitations to select members to discuss problem that confront the Progressive movement. She said that obtaining signatures for WALLACE had overshadowed other issues, and, now is the time to think of other problems, and, plan what action is to take place. The big question brought before the group was the Mundt-Nixon Bill - Ways and Means to stop its passage were discussed at length. Some woman said that a group (name not mentioned) had sent a telegram to Governor Donnell asking him to vote against the Bill. The group received a very sarcastic \$3 collect telegram from the Senator. It was agreed to send a telegram for the Group. FANNIE GOLDBERG passed around slips of paper for the people present to sign names and addresses and donate 10¢ to pay for the telegram. Some donated more. I did not.

"During the discussion [redacted]

[redacted] The commentator said that the Mundt-Nixon Bill had passed the House, and, had a chance to pass the Senate. VIRGINIA then impressed on the group that action must be expedited and, that time is limited.

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"The second issue taken up was 'Day Nurses'. Mrs. D. MC LEOD had done some research on St. Louis Day Nurseries. It was agreed after her report that this problem belonged under the Board of Education. Then ways and means to bring pressure on the Board to make Day Nurseries a part of St. Louis Public School Program was discussed. After some discussion, I suggested that a Committee be formed to find out when members of the Board come up for reelection and run in a Progressive. VIRGINIA beamed.

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"BIRDIE VAN SICKLE brought up playground problems. Some playgrounds open from 1 to 9 PM. Others from 9 A.M. to 5 PM. Why? They discussed including nurseries in connection with the playgrounds. Didn't gain much favor. It was decided to appoint a Committee for the present to settle these very important matters. Eleven members were appointed.

"During the discussions about 9:15 MARGARET B. WILSON came in, so did ESTHER BARON (9 P.M.). MARGARET WILSON gave a speech. She was not very forcible. She threw about a few phrases about woman's part in world and Govt. affairs, sighting the new mayor in Oregon, a woman.

"ESTHER BARON whispered to me that she had heard from KIT SHRYVER, and, KIT wants to return to St. Louis to her old job. However, after M. B. WILSON arrived ESTHER turned her attention to her. My guess is that ESTHER BARON is attempting to gain momentum for the return of KIT SHRYVER. BILL SENTNER's gang, now in charge of the Progressive's Office, evidently do not want her. I heard ESTHER say to MARGARET 'KIT was shocked at the news that she could not return'. Then she showed MARGARET part of a two page typewritten letter. When the meeting broke up ESTHER and MARGARET left together in a hurry. They did not tarry.

"The campaign for signatures for WALLACE, was mentioned only once as a side issue. ESTHER BARON brought it out another time saying that these issues, Day Nurseries, Playgrounds, should tie in with signature work. VIRGINIA did not stress the point, nor did she direct the discussion along WALLACE channels. This led me to conclude that VIRGINIA's idea is to organize a select group that can be used for other things if the 31,000 are not obtained, and, WALLACE does not make the Mo. ballot. The very fact that Community interests rather than 'WALLACE Signatures' were stressed shows that a policy is being changed ?????? Those present who are known to me were VIRGINIA SPENCE, MRS. GREENGARD, FANNIE GOLDBERG, MRS. ABE TREIMAN, MRS. D. MC LEOD, ESTHER BARON, BIRDIE VAN SICKLE, MRS. MANEWITZ, (ESTHER MANEWITZ's sister-in-law), MRS. MASSINGALE, another MRS. WILSON, colored. A young blonde woman with large nose acted as secretary. Her name is, I believe, MRS. JOE ASTOR (??) There was also a tall, rather nice looking blonde woman (gentile) present. I walked to the corner with her. She works at Emerson and belongs to the UE Union. She has grown children. She referred to her son, a veteran, who expects to go to college, probably Washington U. He began at St. Louis U. in Political Science, but; St. Louis U. will not teach Russian Political Science, so he wants to go to Washington. I, of course, know nothing about the teaching of

Political Science in Universities. The woman has a daughter who is going to Harris Teacher's College this Fall or has already started College. I shall get the woman's name at our next meeting. I believe that she was present at the UOPWU meeting in February.

"The Committee appointed remained to discuss plans. It was after ten, and, since I had assumed an indifferent attitude, I said good-bye and disappeared, after congratulating VIRGINIA (The congratulation not very enthusiastic), for a good meeting.

"Last night May 27, 1948, I found a message, when I arrived home 11 P.M., from VIRGINIA asking me to call her on Friday. I shall call her."

Informant also has furnished an original envelope, postmarked May 21, 1948, containing the following letter of invitation to her to attend this meeting:

"You are invited to join in planning a Women's Division of the new Progressive Party at the Kingsway Hotel, Kingsway and Forest Park, Wednesday night, May 26th, at 8:00 o'clock.

"The role of women in the Wallace movement is of Key Importance! Let's come prepared to discuss how we can best play that role in the coming months.

"Sincerely yours,

/S/ ROSA B. BRACY
National Committeewoman"

The duplicate copy of the informant's report is to be filed immediately beneath a copy of this memo in 100-8050.

The letter of invitation as well as the envelope is being maintained in the 1A envelope of 100-8050.

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CC in following:

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| 100-7178 VIRGINIA SPENCE | 100-7656 DOROTHEA TREIMAN |
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| 100-6903 CAROLYN MC LEOD | 100-206 ESTHER MANEWITZ |
| 100-8043 MARGARET BUSH WILSON | 100-351 MRS. MASSINGALE |
| 100-7918 ESTHER BARON | 100-7937 MRS. ANDREW WILSON |
| 100-7903 KATHERINE SHRYVER | 100-7669 BIRDIE VAN SICKLE |
| 100-7966 MRS. ESTHER GREENGARD | |

July 26, 1948
St. Louis, Missouri

MEMO, SAC:

RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
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On May 27, 1948, [] furnished an envelope addressed to his wife from Subject organization which contained:

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1. Letter re Registration June 3, 1948.
2. Post Card to Board of Election Commissioners re change of address
3. Pamphlet - Vote for Wallace. All are being maintained as exhibits to this file.

Copies of this memo along with copy of the letterhead should be placed in following files:

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ROBERT LOGSDON
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SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

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Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
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Informant [] has furnished a report in duplicate concerning her attendance at the Missouri State Convention of the Progressive Party of Missouri as follows:

"STATE CONVENTION - NOMINATING HENRY WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT."

PLACE Jefferson City, Mo. Capitol Bldg., House of Representatives
TIME 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. -
DATE April 11, 1948.

"Ten bus loads of people left St. Louis at 8 A.M. They had been scheduled to leave at 7 A.M. The bus on which I rode was old & went very slow. We arrived at the convention at 12 noon.

"Mr. J. REGER was Captain of the Bus. Box lunches, fruit and 'pop' were sold enroute. When the buses were loading the whites and negroes had gradually gone into their own 'color' groups. VIRGINIA SPENCE sent the word around to break up the segregation. There were about ten colored on our bus. HELEN MUSIL was with us. Before leaving mimeographed sheets of the song sung by PAUL ROBESON April 9th '48 at Pleasant Green Baptist Church was distributed. Copy attached. This song was sung several times enroute. HELEN MUSIL produced a song book like the small one in the collection of pamphlets given to the office by me last summer. From this book the song 'Soup - they gave me a bowl of soup', and, 'Solidarity Forever - the Union Makes us Strong'.

"We arrived in the House of Representative's Chambers just as the Chairman, RUSSELL FARNSWORTH, Student from Missouri U., introduced LEO KRYCZKI from Milwaukee and President of the Slav Congress. Mr. KRYCZKI is near 70 years of age. He is on the stoutish side and has very thin grey hair. He wears glasses and smiles a great deal - a genial smile that appears almost a pose. He said that he had been in 'Progressive' movements for 51 years. As a young boy he went with his father to the Knights of Labor Meetings. He told his whole career which was patting himself on the back as a great leader for the people. He praised FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT. He quoted ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT as saying that the British and American Tories had betrayed his father. He also said that those in power today had told FDR that he could rest in peace because they would take care of everything. He made frequent references to Independence, Mo. and the man from there. He also referred to Divine Providence watching over a Liberal

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"Party. At great periods in History great men - WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, JACKSON, LINCOLN, F.D. ROOSEVELT, -- have come forth to save the people and now Divine Providence has provided HENRY WALLACE. He dwelt on name calling. Years ago Anarchist was the name used against progressives -- now it is Communists. He went back 1900 years and referred to the Son of a Carpenter who drove the money changers out of the temple. He became troublesome to those in high places. Assuming the Authority of God. Therefore, a vicious campaign was started against him -- a campaign which ended by nailing him on the Cross. HENRY WALLACE is going thru the same thing.

"Mr. KRYCZKI then referred to the one-sided presentation of all subjects by the Press. He said FDR never took a pencil and drew a line between Eastern & Western Europe. He drew no Iron Curtain. This came after he died. Mr. KRYCZKI then referred to Labor. We now have a 'Government by Injunction'. Last year for the first time in History a President of the U.S. threatened to use the Army and draft the R.R. workers if they went on a strike.

"Mr. KRYCZKI referred several times to the Chicago WALLACE Convention now going on the Chicago - 23,000 persons, paying \$2+ for a ticket, packed the convention hall. He estimated a collection of \$100,000. He said that nothing was printed about the thousands who could not get in. A. FITZGERALD, Chairman, and International labor organizer, said that 37 International Unions, CIO & AF of L, were present thru representatives. 'What stirred this crowd to give \$100,000?' asked the speaker. Because he explained 14 times the working people have been plunged into a depression. And, we are heading for another crash -- like in '29. He used AL SMITH and J. REARDON, bankers, as examples of a rich man committing suicide because of failure. (REARDON killed himself. He was AL SMITH's partner in the banking business). Twice Mr. KRYCZKI emphasized the fact that both were members of St. Patrick's Cathedral, N.Y. He took big business apart, saying that big industry is now lobbying for War Craft Contracts with Uncle Sam. Take profits out of building war materials -- Why should some make billions while some, especially veterans, live in shacks. Billions for War in China, Turkey, Greece. Not one penny for construction. 'Communism', said Mr. KRYCZKI, 'is not the real fight-- but International Industry against the Worker'. He ended his speech by telling the delegates & spectators that we are headed for a big crash and it cannot be avoided unless we plead with the powers above.

"Mr. KRYCZKI spoke too long and covered too much ground to keep the crowd interested. There were a few applauses, but, little enthusiasm. The Chair next recognized ROBERT LOGSDON, International Representative of the CIO United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers Union. He spoke a few minutes saying that State officers would be elected later, and, the 'Progressive Party' needs money in order to keep out of war and save the world from Fascism. Present politicians are a sad bunch trying to establish Fascism. Mr. LOGSDON swayed the crowd with enthusiasm and a bit of wit now and then. He began the collecting of funds. As far as I could keep track between \$2500. and \$3000. were raised. The big donations were:

J. T. BUSH, negro - - - - \$500.
Dr. W. C. BRIDGES, negro - - \$250.
Amer. Slav Congress - - - - \$100.

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Dr. WALTER SIMON - - - - - \$100.
Mrs. J. B. RUTLEDGE - - - - - \$112. (1 mo. salary)
Dr. LONDE - - - - - \$100.
ESTHER BARON - - - - - \$ 75.
Russian Progressive Society,
St. Louis - - - - - \$ 25.
ABE TREMAN - - - - - \$100.
Wm. SENTNER - - - - - \$ 50.
Croatian Society, St. Louis \$25.
W. LINCOLN - - - - - \$50.
Mo. U. Students - - - - - \$10.

"There were many \$25 - \$10 and \$5 donations. Then as BOB LOGSDON said 'Do the usual thing - everybody hold up a dollar and we get it'. Not too many dollars were held up.

"The Chairman then announced that the meeting would break up into Congressional Districts. The Press and spectators were banished from these meetings. BILL SENTNER was in charge of 11th Congressional Dist. which was the largest group. BOB LOGSDON was in charge of the 12th. The general meeting was closed temporarily from 2:40 P.M. until 3:30 P.M. The 11th Congressional group met in the Convention Hall. There were about 100 Jews, Negroes and few Gentiles in this group, Negroes predominating.

"BILL SENTNER called the meeting to order at 2:50 P.M. Dr. W. C. BRIDGES was elected Chairman and Mrs. BRACEY, Secty. The Agenda was-

1. Election of a State Central Committee - 2 men and two women. Those elected from those nominated were - Dr. BRIDGES, JAMES CARR, VIRGINIA SPENCE, MARGARET B. WILSON.
2. The above committee set a date for first congressional meeting before April 20th. Date was set for 3 P.M. Sunday April 18th at Colored 'Y'.
3. Discussion of candidates for Congressional and State Offices. It was decided to leave this to the Committee just elected.
4. Explanation of the Legal structure of the New Party. This was given by DOUGLAS McLEOD. Structure same as any other political party.
5. Elect delegates to National Convention sometime in May - Date and place to be announced later. BILL SENTNER, who had moved in the rear made a motion that the 4 elected on the State Committee be elected National delegates & alternate delegates to the National Convention. They are to decide who is a delegate and who an alternate. The motion seconded and passed. HELEN MUSIL backing BILL SENTNER.

"Mr. ANDRE PELET was elected to the Ways & Means Committee. A committee interested only in raising money. Names were proposed for state jobs to be voted on later. It was now past 3:30 and the meeting adjourned as others began wandering into the Convention Hall.

"When the Convention convened at 3:40 P.M. there were quite a number of vacant seats. The Chairman called the convention to order. Mr. DOUGLAS McLEOD explained

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"how a New Party is put on the ballot - a) First our Party may be accepted legally. b) A Petition Campaign, i.e. the required number of signatures, 21,000 signatures are needed. PCA or rather the New Party plans to obtain 75,000 signatures.

"I asked a man near me what happened at the opening of the convention. He said that the plan _____ State Committee was accepted, and, the Third Party was named the 'Progressive Party'. Mimeographed copies of the statement of policy of the Progressive Party of Missouri was submitted to the delegates for discussion, changes and amendments. This is not a platform just policy as explained by ABE TREIMAN, Chairman of Platform Committee. The preamble was accepted without argument. Then followed Resolutions for and against everything from scrapping the A. Bomb to amending child labor laws. The first big controversy was to scrap the A Bomb. Mr. A. PELET and Mrs. BILLY RAY against scrapping for National Safety - Others for - The 'fors' won by Count of hands. The negroes brought up at least six times resolutions to end discrimination and do away with Jim Crow Laws. DOUGLAS McLEOD finally took the floor and said that the last 4 lines on page 4 took care of this.

"Someone wanted to add between lines 18-19, p 2, to restore the Wagner Act in its entirety - Voted down - FULGHAM (?) 2nd District wanted to add amendment that in order to strengthen the peace we should work thru a World Court with International police force - as soon as possible.

"BIRDIE VAN SICKLE agreed with him and spoke in favor of the Amendment. BOB LOGSDON was against the Amendment. He said to fight Fascism & dictatorship here and have peace & security - do away with starvation. He said UN no good - makes false promises - Build a real democracy here. He did not say how.

"DOUGLAS McLEOD was also against this amendment. He said that a World Court was a big snare to fool American people. There was an argument that WALLACE FAVORS a World Govt. The Chair asked for a direct quotation to this effect at request of ABE TREIMAN. No one had a quotation. VIRGINIA SPENCE got the floor & in an emphatic voice - almost anger, said that she was at a National Convention where this was voted down. The amendment was defeated. I might add here that during these discussions time and time again it was mentioned that we, the U.S. is threatened with Fascism. No one ever mentioned just who the Fascists are, but, the idea conveyed that Fascism is Big Business.

"CHARLIE WILSON brought up a big amendment for soldier's bonus and other benefits for G.I.'s. A Mo. U. student opposed. He said that he was an ex G.I. and favored the Bonus Plan until lately. He favors a plan where G.I.'s have enough money to stay in school. Hundreds are leaving, because the G.I. benefits are too low.

"BOB LOGSDON opposed the resolution for soldiers bonus. He gave a stirring talk about how the G.I.'s had been robbed. They fought while Big Business made billions. Let them pay - Make them pay, etc., etc., - Cheers!

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"The Negroes had argued their equality rights and they began to leave. The Jew took up their problems. Mr. A. S. LASNER (?) wanted to add regarding Palestine. We are ashamed and condemn the Act. Meaning our Government stand. He was cheered.

"Mr. ABRAHAM SPECTOR wanted to amend the whole thing to read that UN sold out Jewish people to oil interests. He was ruled out of order by the Chair because he could not amend an amendment.

"A Mr. SIMON, 11th Cong. district, criticised an article by Mr. R. STOKES, P.D., St. Louis. It seems that Mr. STOKES stated that America is not going into Fascism because Franco Spain is being snubbed by the U.S. In a sarcastic voice Mr. SIMON asked, 'Who does Mr. STOKES think he is kidding?'

"A Mr. LAWRENCE SCOTT, from Kansas City - 4th Cong. District, introduced a resolution, something like this - 'We reaffirm our faith in U.S. while deploring its weakness. We should use its framework for universal disarmament, abolition of conscription by all nations'. DAVE BOAR? of Kansas City backed the motion.

"Mr. SCOTT is a well dressed man, grey hair. I would say that he is between 35 - 40 years of age. I believe that he is in the Social Work field in K.C.

"The 'Policy Program' was 'subtracted to' and 'added from' from 3:40 P.M. to about 5:45 P.M. It could have gone on and on, but, ABE TREIMAN, DOUG McLEOD, BOB LOGSDON steered the meeting to the next point on the Agenda 'Election of officers'. At 6:45 groups of delegates has gone - mostly the negroes. This left the Jews and Commies in control. Everybody was tired. The names proposed for offices were read off. The first was BOB LOGSDON for State Chairman for the Progressive Party. I do not know how and where he was nominated as his name was not mentioned in the 11th Cong. Dist. meeting. His name was the only one mentioned for this job. The Chairman got a second from BILL SENTNER - (SENTNER, TREIMAN and LOGSDON were in a huddle together). The vote of the majority put LOGSDON in. The Chairman announced 'BOB LOGSDON has been nominated for lack of opposition'. BILL SENTNER was recognized by the Chair and proposed to amend the statement to read 'BOB LOGSDON nominated by acclamation'. ABE TREIMAN seconded the motion and it carried. The crowd was tired, and the names proposed were railroaded. Half of those voting didn't even know for whom they were voting. In the middle of the voting some man jumped up and accused the Chair of railroading people into office. He was voted down. The stage had been set long before the voting. The outcome was as follows:

"BOB LOGSDON - State Chairman. Backed by BILL SENTNER. SENTNER was a delegate to the executive Committee that set up the Convention program.

MARGARET B. WILSON - Vict. Chairman.

EILEEN VALLE - Flat River, Secretary.

ABE TREIMAN - Treasurer.

Mrs. BRACY, colored, was elected National Committeewoman, and Dr. J. RUTLEDGE, Crystal City, National Committeeman. He helped found the 3rd Party in Missouri.

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"The Committee members from the Cong. Districts were - 11th Cong. Dist. Dr. BRIDGES, negro, JAMES CARR, colored, MARGARET WILSON, colored, VIRGINIA SPENCE, (I nominated VIRGINIA - she was pleased). 13th District - FANNIE GOLDBERG was the only one I knew. She is short, grey haired, and speaks with a slight speech impediment. I knew none of the others nominated from other districts.

"Mr. DOUGLAS McLEOD announced, after being recognized by the Chair, that the Progressive Party of Missouri would run candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Congressman. In fact a full Missouri slate.

"Miss V. SPENCE announced at 7 P.M. that some St. Louis buses would leave immediately for those who wished to leave. Dinner would be served at the Booker T. Washington for those who wished to wait for a 10 o'clock bus. I decided to leave. The buses, with exception of one Greyhound and another respectable looking bus, were old broken down equipment. It was interesting to note that in this classless society which is a dream of the WALLACE followers, the good buses were held back for the leaders. This was noticed and remarked about when we were looking for a bus to return to St. Louis. We ate on the way. It took from 7:05 P.M. until 12:30 A.M. to reach St. Louis.

"To Sum Up The Convention:

1. About 450 persons attended including about 100 teen agers in the balcony. About 1/3 - were negroes, and the others mostly Jews. Many young people in twenties & thirties.
2. The New Party is officially the Progressive Party.
3. A Key note speech for about 1 hr 15 minutes by LEO KRYZCKI. The keynote of his speech was criticism of the Truman Administration, approval of the WALLACE platform - condemnation of big business. Smoothing over the idea that Communism is a threat. And, emphasis that the New Party is in the Hands of Divine Providence. He did not sway the crowd - Interest was mediocre.
4. BOB LOGSDON spoke and collected between \$2500 - \$3000. He definitely interested the audience.
5. The general meeting broke up into Congressional Caucuses. The 11th District being the largest. These small groups discussed the electing of officers - they lasted from 2:40 P.M. to 3:40 P.M. when the general meeting reconvened.
6. The policy of the Progressive Party was discussed, amended and changed for 2 hours. Most of the discussions centered around 'Palestine', Negro equality, Big Business, scrapping of the A Bomb.
7. Electing of officers nominated by the Congressional Caucuses. Only BOB LOGSDON was not nominated in the 11th Cong. District. BILL SENTNER headed this group. The officers were railroaded in because many tired, had gone and there was not too much interest in this shown except by a few huddled groups.
8. Those appointed on State Committees remained to discuss important matters.

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"9. The policy according to ABE TREIMAN, was not a platform but a plan gotten up for the instruction of the delegates to the National Convention. It has the usual policies as brought out at all PCA meetings - and at the UOPWU -- 1. Partition of Palestine. 2. Scrapping the A-Bomb. 3) Defeat the MARSHALL Plan. 4) Defeat the Draft & Military Training. 5) Appease Russia. 6) Defeat Fascism. 7) More Security by amending the Social Security Law. 8) Down with Truman program - Hail the Wallace Taylor ticket. 9) Down with Jim Crowism and the Taft-Hartley Bill. 10) Reduce taxes and make the rich pay. 11) Down with Big Business & American Imperialism.

"Every Resolution for the above were passed by those spread thru the Convention - all Resolutions against were voted down."

The duplicate copy of informant's report is to be maintained immediately beneath a copy of this memorandum in 100-8050.

The informant, on April 14, furnished an amendment to this report which is as follows:

"ADD TO WALLACE CONVENTION REPORT."

"This A.M. April 14th, 1948, I read in the Globe-Democrat that 3 employees at Emerson Electric had been transferred for security reasons. Among those involved was a certain Mrs. DOROTHY AUKAMP SAGE. The name refreshed my memory. I had heard this name at the WALLACE Convention April 11, 1948 at Jeff. City. When the voting for officers were called off hers was among those nominated for some minor ward office. I do not recall if she was elected or not. Many were railroaded in. I also recall seeing BILL SENTNER in a huddle with a young woman who had dark hair. She wore a white blouse and black skirt. I saw her afterwards with HELEN MUSIL. I could not identify this person as being Mrs. SAGE, because I do not know Mrs. SAGE."

This report is to be maintained immediately beneath a copy of this memorandum in 100-8050.

The following names are being indexed:

ANDRE PELET
J. REGER
RUSSELL FARNSWORTH
DR. WALTER SIMON
Russian Progressive Society of
St. Louis
ABRAHAM SPECTOR
EILEEN VALLE

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cc: 100-7630
100-1943 -Helen Musil
100-7367 -CP, Pamphlets and Publications
100-7796 -CP, International Relations
100-6809 -ROBERT LOGSDON
100-new -J.T. BUSH
100-6986 -Dr. BRIDGES
100-5467 -American Slav Congress
100-6857 -Mrs. J. B. RUTLEDGE
100-420 - Dr. Sol Londe
100-7918 -Esther Berin
100-7655 -Abe Treiman.
100-5357 -William Sentner
100-1609 -Croatian Fraternal Union
100-1822 -Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracey
100-195 - James Carr
100-7178 -Virginia Spence
100-8043 -Margaret B. Wilson
100-7131 -Douglas McLeod
100-499 -Rev. Charles C. Wilson
100-6850 -Dr. John Rutledge
100-6848 -Fannie Goldberg
100-3231 -Dorothy Sage

SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI
June 4, 1948

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Re: PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Informant [] has furnished a report in duplicate concerning her activities at the PCA office as follows:

"At 7 P.M. Wednesday, April 13, 1948 Virginia Spence telephoned me and asked if I could come to PCA office, Sam Digg., to help get out notices for the 11th Congressional meeting on Sunday, April 18th, 1948. I told Virginia that I would go. She said 'I have to go to another meeting, so will not see you; I'll meet you another evening.'

"It was ten after eight when I arrived at the PCA office. Ted Moore and a tall dark man, heavy set, called Andy, were working on the notices for all Districts. I ran off about 1000 penny cards on the addressograph machine.

"Jim Carr, negro, and two young colored girls were working on the Convention registration sheets. They were being sorted according to cities, towns, districts, wards. Observers and delegates had already been separated. Later Kit Shryver came in. She wanted some one to type the lists from the sheets, even if they took them home. I could not offer because I have no place to type.

"Jim Carr and Kit Shryver went into a whispered huddle. Their whispers carried, and, I got the key note of their conversation--'Who is going to be nominated for the Congressional race in the 11th District.' Jim Carr is one possibility, however, the one who is likely to gather the strongest force is Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson. Jim Carr told Kit Shryver that her father, a real estate man, is not opposed to her entering the race, and, neither is her husband. The whole matter will be settled at the meeting at 911 No. Vandeventer Sunday, April 18, 1948. I left the PCA office at ten P.M.

"There is to be a meeting of the 13th Ward, or Dist., Sunday at PCA headquarters. Other meetings to be held later. All strength to be centered in 11th Cong. Dist."

The duplicate copy of informant's report is to be maintained immediately beneath a copy of this memo in 100-7630.

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cc: 100-7178 (Virginia Spence)

100-595 (Ted Moore)

100-124 (Andrew Bulich)

100-7959 (Junia Carr)

100-7908 (Kit Shryver)

100-8043 (Margaret Bush Wilson)

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SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI
July 13, 1948

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RE: MISSOURI CITIZENS FOR WALLACE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Informant [] has furnished a report in duplicate concerning her attendance at the speech by PAUL ROBESON April 9, 1948 as follows:

"PAUL ROBESON PRE-CONVENTION MEETING -

"PLACE - Pleasant Green Baptist Church, 5600 Page.

"TIME - 8:00 P.M. (meeting began about 8:15 P.M.)

"The meeting opened with the singing of the National Anthem. MARGARET WILSON, Negress - Attorney at Law - introduced Mr. ROBESON. She gave a short talk. Mrs. WILSON is tall, thin, good-looking, golden brown negress with long hair worn in a page bob. She is a good dresser -- not extreme. She wore a yellow dress with black dots rather simple. She speaks in a slow, low musical voice, using exceptionally good English -- diction perfect.

"On the stage were Dr. BRIDGES, negro doctor, Mrs. BRACY, negress, KIT SHRYVER, ex. secty, PCA, JIM CARR, MARGARET WILSON -- Circulating around the hall were ushers - negro girls and about 6 or 8 negro men in tuxedos - and most of the members of PCA. LOU KIMMEL, labor leader, Pine Lawn, TED MOORE, JACK BECKER, VIRGINIA SPENCE, HELEN MUSIL, ESTHER MANEWITZ, ABE TREIMAN, DOUG McLEOD. Counting the ushers, and those in the vestibule and the late comers all 1200 seats were taken. I would judge that negroes outnumbered the Jews and Gentiles -- very few of the latter.

"Mrs. WILSON referred to Mr. ROBESON's birthday and read telegrams of congratulations from friends to Mr. ROBESON. Those sending telegrams were GLEN TAYLOR, HAZEL SCOTT, movie actress, and husband.

"When PAUL ROBESON appeared a birthday cake was brought on to the stage - the crowd went wild with cheering. Mr. ROBESON flashed his smile over that crowd and controlled it. He was well dressed in grey tailored suit, red tie. The suit fit his broad shoulders perfectly. PAUL ROBESON has a magnetic personality, the deep musical voice common to the Negro Race, and, a sense of humor. He told the crowd that he had given up his profession for the present to help fight their cause. He has been to the deep South. He has found allies for the Negro Cause everywhere. He referred to his father, a slave in the Carolinas. He said that he was returned to the South after going East to see his 20 year old son who didn't play as well in football as he wanted last year. He read part of the poem about the Freedom Train that he read at the WALLACE meeting last Fall. He

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"told the audience that he would sing two songs, and, return later to tell them more things and sing more songs. He sang some song about Moses begging the Egyptians to let his people go, and, 'The House I live in'. Much applause.

"MARGARET WILSON introduced KIT SHRYVER who spoke of this day being more than PAUL ROBESON's birthday - it is a day when a curtain is going up on a Historical event -- placing Mr. WALLACE on the Missouri ballots.

"MARGARET WILSON returned to introduce JIM CARR, Negro, as a man with both feet on the ground. He came to the mike - Cheers! His speech was along the lines of freedom in this U.S. MARGARET WILSON had stated that she was tired of always hearing 'This is not the right time' for the Negroes' freedom. JIM CARR toyed about with this freedom idea. She branched off on the Taft-Hartley Bill, and, said that 85% of the people are victims of the Bill which will mean in the future a 54 hr. a week and no overtime. There was nothing outstanding about his speech. He got on the Jeff. City Convention and asked how many were going-- not too many hands went up. About 10 or 12 tickets were sold. I understand less than 400 bus tickets have been sold for the trip to Jeff. City, However many are going in machines. PCA is planning about 8 buses. JIM CARR told the people that money is needed for a down payment for their 'freedom'. He asked for \$500. A certain H. T. BUSH, negro, pledged \$500. Dr. BRIDGES took the stage and said that he had given \$225. the night before at a dinner. At the end of the meeting it was announced that \$338. actual money had been collected. This included some new PCA members at \$1 each. At this point I asked TED MOORE about the dinner. He said that it was for PAUL ROBESON, and only those who have money were invited. The dinner was not for those who could not donate. There were 130 people at the dinner held at the Statler the evening of April 9th. The dinner was a 'secret'. There were pledges made to the amount of \$5000. One individual gave \$1000. identity unknown by Mr. MOORE. Dr. BRIDGES, an elderly, well-dress, thin individual, was referring to this dinner when he said that he had donated \$225. for rights & freedom. JIM CARR ended his speech by asking how many present wanted a negro in Congress. Many hands up. He then asked how many here want a negro candidate to run for Congress in the 11th District. All hands up.

"Mr. ROBESON returned 'midst cheers- At this point the crowd was keyed to a very emotional state. Mr. ROBESON gave a talk about what the negro people wanted -- He said that he was educated in a country where there is no segregation. His son has returned from that country where he was never hurt. He said that he intended to vote for HENRY WALLACE. He has the right of secret ballot but if to see for whom he voted O.K. He would vote for anyone he pleased. Republican, Democrat, Socialist, Communist -- and if anyone is thrown in jail for being this or that. Allright because, he would be right behind. He told the negro people to stand together in this great battle for freedom. He showed them how most of their forefathers as slaves had built up the Southern Wealth. Wealth; that is part of their wealth because it was built up thru bloodshed, suffering & tears. He said that he was glad to be in Missouri because he knows well the struggle of the Negro people in this State. He told those who have money to give so that the unfortunate negro has nothing to give.

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"PAUL ROBESON then sang a number of songs. A Jewish song, showing the hopelessness of the Jewish Race. Then a Russian Folklore song which showed a people struggling for freedom like the Negro people here. The brought forth applause. A baby cried and Mr. ROBESON, flashing his smile, said 'Maybe this will help'. He sang a lullabye. Here and there in Mr. ROBESON's speech was the patriotic note-- Our great country -- Making a real Democracy out of this USA. He ended his speech with the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic'. Words changed 'Mine eyes have seen the glory of the people -- The people are marching on'. He sang an encore. Mr. ROBESON swayed that crowd of 1200 to the depths of their souls--

"Sidelights: I met VIRGINIA who told me that 'DAVID is here'. She is anxious for me to meet him. However, she was busy about many things and I did not talk to her again. She mingles with the crowd then sits alone in deep thought. She also wanders about when money is being collected smiling, as if she is trying to impress herself on the crowd.

"I met HELEN MUSIL. She said 'Oh, I have thought of you so much, and, intended to call you. We must get together soon'. I asked her how her union is going. She said that nothing much is said. HELEN knows LOU KIMMEL quite well. She saw him and said 'hello LOU, I want to see you'. They had a private chat in a corner. In fact, HELEN knows many people.

"During the whole affair a woman about 30, average height & weight, dressed in medium brown tailored suit, brown leather shoulder bag, paraded all over the place, and, did nothing except attract attention. She has short bob - permanent wave, light reddish-golden hair. No make up. Not attractive, in looks. She is a woman by name of 'PECK', national organizer for PCA. She was here when FRANK KINGDON spoke at WALLACE meeting. She is supposed to be a 'bright light'. Writes speeches, etc.

"Mr. TED MOORE introduced me to his wife - a heavy-set woman, reddish hair, ignorant. She brought up the uprising in Bogota (?) She seemed delighted, and, remarked 'MARSHALL couldn't sell the MARSHALL plan there'. She is not smart enough to think this out alone. She also said that we Americans are the ones who are being exploited - taxes for such things as the MARSHALL Plan and Wars. The MOORES brought me home in an old broken down car. Mrs. MOORE is working nights. Mr. MOORE is not working because the WALLACE convention is very important, and, he is donating a lot of time to making it a success.

"The meeting broke up around 10:45 P.M.

"Mr. ROBESON thanked the minister of Pleasant Green Baptist Church for giving the Church Hall for the meeting, and, he said that he might be able to return the favor some day by singing for Church. (Applause).

"SAUL DENHAM was present, and, as usual, made over me. Some of those who had been at the UOPWU were also there. EUNICE GOTTLIEB & others."

Duplicate copy of informant's report is to be filed immediately beneath a copy of this memorandum in 100-7913.

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cc: 100-7590 (PAUL ROBESON)
100-7630 (PCA)
100-8043 (MARGARET BUSH WILSON)
100-6986 (DR. W. C. BRIDGES)
100-7822 (ROSA BROWN BRACEY)
100-7908 (KIT SHRYVER)
100-7959 (JAMES CARR)
100-8 (LOU KIRKEL)
100-595 (TED MOORE)
100-7738 (JACK BECKER)
100-7178 (MARY VIRGINIA SPENCE)
100-1943 (HELEN MUSIL)
100-206 (ESTHER MANEWITZ)
100-7959 (ABE TRIEMAN)
100-7131 (DOUGLAS MacLEOD)
100-6917 (AGNES MOORE)
100-7657 (SOL DERMAN)
100-7233 (EUNICE GOTTLIEB)
New File (Dr. DAVID SELIGSON)

Saint Louis, Missouri
August 5, 1948

MEMO, SAC

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY -- C

Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished on June 10, 1948, a report in detail, undated, and in duplicate concerning her activities on June 8, 1948, at the Headquarters of the Progressive Party of Missouri. Informant states:

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"On June 8th, 1948 I went to the office of the Progressive Party at 10 A.M. I was interesting in finding out what was going on. RUTH FETERS, Negro Secretary and JACK BECKIE, acting Ex. Secty., were alone in the office. JACK wanted to know if I would do some volunteer work. I agreed. He asked me to pull all of the names out of the master file that were marked with a red check. There were 246 of these. They are the people who are going to be contacted and asked to contact other members for the 'Mrs. Wallace Binner'. The dinner is to be on the 19th of June at 1 P.M. at the Kingsway Hotel. I found an invitation when I arrived home later in the afternoon. \$2.50 is the charge per plate. After finishing this little job JACK asked me if I would begin with the 'Cs' and type as far as I could. The special members of the Progressive Party are to be given these typed lists and they are to try to contact each member and report back. See letter attached to list of names attached. There were 44 cards lying on a table with a lot of discarded papers. The cards had names of people in rural areas. Since they had been discarded, probably thru carelessness, I took them. They are enclosed with this report.

"I typed until 12 noon. RUTH FETERS went out to lunch. JACK gathered up some checks and said that he had to be gone for a couple of hours and asked me to take care of the office until RUTH returned. I did.

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"On a table were about 3000 letters and envelopes. The letters were addressed to persons all over the State of Missouri, excluding St. Louis. BOB LOGSDON's name was typed at the end of the letter. I read and found out that it was a begging letter. I took one which is included in this file. Near this letter were two little leaflets- 'What does 1948 mean? Add it up' and 'Jim Crow must Go.' I assumed that these were the leaflets mentioned in the BOB LOGSDON letter so I helped myself to samples.

"When RUTH PETERS returned I was peacefully typing names. RUTH was in a talkative mood. She came and sat down for a chat. She is disgusted with the Progressive Party. I asked her about KIT SIMON and asked her why KIT was not returning. She said that BOB LOGSDON wrote to KIT and told her that her services were no longer needed in the Progressive Party of Missouri. I asked by what authority BOB wrote the letter. She said 'Oh, he is chairman of the Progressive Party of Mo. and has the say.' She then added that KIT was not a good organizer and hard to get along with. RUTH added 'You know of course that a different group has grabbed control of the Party since the Jefferson City Convention-WE really took things over. I then asked if JACK were going to remain in charge. She said that a man came from Chicago and turned the job down. JACK is on leave of absence from the WE office and is getting \$75.00 weekly from the Progressive Party. RUTH gets \$40.00 but lately she has not received full payment due to lack of funds. Is she burnt up? She said that the organization preaches one thing and practices another. I didn't appear interested. She also said that the executive board got down to JACK, ABE TARTMAN and MARGARET D. WILSON, but it is now down to JACK and ABE. REED ROSS was being paid \$265.00 monthly. He is out due to lack of funds. RUTH laughed and said 'KIT worked hard to get REED in; REED worked hard to get rid of KIT and get JACK in; JACK worked hard to get rid of ROSS'.

"I asked RUTH how the petitions were doing. She said that she had seen just one complete petition form (each form is for 25 names.) It seems she said that since this new group has taken over people are losing interest. She quoted an instance of colored women organizing a progressive group for MARGARET D. WILSON. However when the Communists came out and said that they were really the founders of the THIRD PARTY this group dissolved immediately.

"RUTH gave me a mimeographed fly sheet that was to be distributed to the students at Sumner High as they finished school. She had not been successful in getting any colored person to go with her to the school to distribute the sheet. She refused to go alone. The reason back of this sheet was to get workers for the Progressive Party. Sheet is attached.

"RUTH said that the Party does not have much money. She gave me a mimeographed financial sheet. It is attached. The office force is down to two - JACK and RUTH. However, RUTH is looking for another job. She realizes that she has hurt herself by working for PCA but she has just about decided not to

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mention the place when she looks for another job later. The office is now hiring full time volunteers and paying \$10 per week. To date ELEANORA BASS is the only one on this part time payroll.

"The Progressive Party has now deteriorated into the hands of JACK BROOKER, ALAN TREMBAN, BOB LINDEN and of course, BILL CLARKER behind the scenes. Attached is a letter sent out by BILL CLARKER proving that he is a good American and is a martyr to the cause of labor. With this letter is a small 1/4 page paper proving the martyrdom of BILL CLARKER. These letters must have been sent to all members of the old PCA because my name would not be on the list.

"As I went thru the list of Progressive Party members I noticed that quite a number of these people had bought tickets to the Elliott Roosevelt dinner last Fall. They have given nothing since. A Mr. SELLER from Washington D. gave nothing and his name is marked on his card. The same goes for Mr. FLETCHER who was dismissed from St. Louis D a few years ago. There were names on the list like JOSEPH DART, JOE BISHOP. There was nothing on the cards. There were a number of such cards both in the persons marked as good workers and the ordinary persons. On the list of 200 or more names that is attached I have marked a few of the cards that were written in ink and blank. I believe that in canvassing anyone who is agreeable is listed as a possible voter for WALLACE. I know that VIRGINIA SPENCE marks down the sympathies of people who appear favorable to the liberal cause. I do not believe that this is just for the WALLACE campaign. I believe that the Commies are testing their power.

"ARTHUR PETERS asked me if I would be interested in the full time volunteer work at \$10 per week. I said that my summer plans were indefinite.

"When I arrived home I found a card from VIRGINIA asking me to meet her and LLOYD THOMPSON at the Kensington headquarters 818 N. 18th St. Tuesday night the 8th. I have not seen or called VIRGINIA for two weeks. I did not go as I refuse to canvass.

"It is interesting to note that certain people have given no money to the Progressive Party-- MARY LUGG, SOL BRANNAN, VIRGINIA SPENCE, BOB LINDEN, BILL CLARKER donated \$50. I believe this is the money he gave at Jeff City."

The duplicate copy of the informant's report is being maintained in 100-8053 immediately beneath the copy of this memorandum. The original copy is maintained in 62-19912.

Informant also furnished on June 16, 1948, the list of names which she refers to in her report. This is a third carbon copy which she made for the FBI at the time she performed this work at the request of JACK BROOKER. This list of names is being maintained in 100-8050-1A.

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The following names are being indexed:

REED ROSS

Dr. CARLOW

LLOYD THOMPSON

Names contained in list made by informant for JACK LEONARD 6-5-48.


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CC1 100-7978 - RUTH PATTERSON
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100-8509 - BOB LORNDON
100-7908 - KATHLEEN BRIGHT
100-3648 - UN
100-7655 - ALF. THOMAS
100-8043 - MARGARET HUGH WILSON
100-5357 - BYRON BOWEN
100-7178 - VIRGINIA SPENCE
100-1943 - HELEN MORRIS
100-7657 -

Saint Louis, Missouri
August 11, 1948

MEMO: SAC

RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following items which were received from [redacted] in an envelope postmarked July 28, 1948, are being filed as exhibits herein.

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Dodgers issued by subject -- "WOMEN WHO WORK FOR WAGES", Women for Wallace".... and "Tanks or Tractors?"

News release dated July 6, 1948, issued by subject which states that Mrs. ROSA BROWN BRACY of St. Louis and Doctor John F. Rutledge of Crystal City, Missouri will lead the Missouri delegation to the national founding convention of HENRY WALLACE's new party. They were described as National Committeewoman and National Committeeman of subject. Said news release further indicated that prominent members of Missouri's delegation would be Mrs. MARGARET BUSH WILSON, Candidate for Congress, and her father, JAMES T. BUSH, and JULIUS JONES, businessman of Kansas City. It was indicated that Mr. ROBERT WILSON would be one of the ten or twelve guests making the trip to watch the convention proceedings. It was further indicated that several Missouri Youth for Wallace would attend a two-day meeting to form a national youth organization after the new party convention closes.

One copy of "PROGRESSIVE PARTY LIFELINE" consisting of two pages which is undated.

A copy of a memorandum to national convention delegates issued by subject which urges that all delegates who expect to attend the new party founding convention in Philadelphia airmail their house requests to the New Party Founding Convention. The following names appeared in pencil handwriting on this memo: DON LITTLETON, SUE WOLVERSON, JOE KOZAK, HENRY DRAPER. Informant obtained this memo in subject headquarters and was unable to explain the signature of these four names having been written thereon.

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Unused postcard bearing the address of Mrs. C. W. SPENCER, 233 Rutherford Ave N.W., Roanoke, Virginia, announcing an important meeting for all members and friends of the Sixth and Nineteenth Wards of the Progressive Party to be held July 16, 1948, 901 North Garrison, which appears over the names of C. R. CANNON, President; ROSA BROWN BRACY, Secretary; H. E. DRAPER, Dandidate for The House of Representatives.

The following items which are filed as exhibits herein were received by mail from [redacted] in envelope postmarked July 31, 1948:

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Document captioned "August 3rd PRIMARIES + Proposed RENT CONTROL ORDINANCE."

Postcard postmarked July 17, "indistinct", at St. Louis over the signature of LIL LEVINE, Secy., announcing a meeting of the Eighteenth District Ward of subject on July 22, 1948, in subject office.

A copy of the following which were received from [redacted] and [redacted] in envelopes postmarked July 28, 1948, are filed as exhibits herein:

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Postcard announcing subject picnic held July 31, 1948, Boltens Oak Grove, St. Louis County, Missouri.

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August 10, 1948

MEMO: SAC

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY of MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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The following report dated July 31, 1948, was received from Confidential Informant [redacted]. The original of this report is being filed in 62-1991A and the duplicate copy is to be considered part of the original memorandum and filed immediately beneath it in 100-8050. The duplicate copy should not be marked, mutilated or serialized.

"Meeting on activity in the 25th Ward by the Progressives

"PLACE - Baum Building
DATE - July 22nd, 1948
TIME - 8 P.M.

"Virginia, who is chairman of the 25th Progressive Group chaired the meeting. Lil Levine and Mike Malconian acted as Secretary and treasurer. Others present were Andre Pellet who is now running on the Progressive ticket for sheriff, Mary Christian, Jean Clark, Lloyd Thomas, and myself. Sitting in a chair opposite Virginia and facing the group was a new member. He was a five by five little colored fellow. He is a lawyer, is not too dark but thick lips and wears big glasses. He was the speaker of the evening. His subject was the Rent Control bill as written by Margaret Bush Wilson and others. It was quite evident that Virginia had put her finger into the report because from time to time she prompted the speaker. The report went on and on and we were told from time to time how our country is headed towards Fascism and the high rent with no control is a good example etc. etc. etc.

"Virginia attempts to handle the group with an "Iron Hand"-the old pressure method but she doesn't get very far.

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"After the report was finished about 9:30 P.M. a few questions were asked but no one seemed terribly enthusiastic even with Virginia attempting to put life into the meeting. The big reason for the meeting was to get members to work in booth on street corners to explain the Rent Control bill and get signatures for Wallace. It was decided that the 25th Ward would have a booth on Jefferson and Market. Virginia said that she knew some man down in that neighborhood who runs a restaurant who would keep the table and chairs and other material. She did not mention his name. She wanted volunteers. She attempted to high pressure me into opening the booth on Saturday afternoon. I told her that my health was too bad at the present. She said "Oh, there will be a chair and you will not have to be on your feet." I declined because I really cannot take on any more work at present that requires a great deal of physical energy. Finally after much arguing back and forth, (No one but Lloyd Thomas wanted to work in a booth.) Jean Clark, Lil Levine and Mike offered their services at certain times. Mike offered three evenings. The speaker of the evening who was called "Tom" offered to come in his car to take the material for the booth down to the designated corner.

"During the meeting the telephone rang and Andre Follet answered. He went in a huddle with Virginia. I could not hear the conversation but I did hear him say in a low voice "Try Mr. Sentner's home-he is not here."

"After the meeting was adjourned Lil Levine told me that she was going to give her time in the main office-the Saum Building and she wondered if I, Ann, would take over the Secretary job of the 25th Ward. I said "yes". This job means sending out notices of meetings and activities and I had to do something since I had turned down the street corner job.

Lil invited the group to her apartment for refreshments. It was almost 11 P.M. so I declined as I was weary. Some of the others went home. As I was leaving I attached myself to "Tom". I said "I do not believe that I have met you before, my name is Ann Cate". He shook hands and said "I'm Tom Brown" and I have been out of town-down in Baton Rouge Louisiana helping organize a law school for colored in connection with the La. State U. He

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was a little doubtful about how the project would work. I encouraged him and agreed that the time had come when the South would have to do something for the Civil Rights of the Negro. Tom and I parted very good friends."

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The following names have been
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ANDRE PELLET
MARY CHRISTIAN
JEAN CLARK
LLOYD THOMAS
TOM BROWN
MIKE MALCONIAN

Saint Louis, Missouri
August 11, 1948

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RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On June 21, 1948, [] furnished the following document
which is filed as an exhibit herein and which is set forth as follows:

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"P R O G R A M"

"of Luncheon

"to Honor Mrs. Henry A. Wallace

"Chairman: Mrs. Fannie Cook,
author of 'Storm Against the Wall'
'Mrs. Palmer's Honey'

"Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy; National Committeewoman,
Progressive Party of Missouri

"Mrs. Margaret Harris, of Kansas City

State Chairman, Women's Division,
Progressive Party of Missouri
Candidate for State Representative

"Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, Vice-Chairman, Progressive Party
of Missouri, Candidate for Congress

"Tribute to Mrs. Henry Wallace, wife of the New Party Candidate for
President.

"Palm Room

"Kingsway Hotel

"Saturday, June 19, 1948

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"Progressive Party of Missouri

"Organizing Committee - Women's Division

"St. Louis Area

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"*Mrs. John R. Albert
*Virginia L. Allbaugh
*Carita C. Anthony
*Esther Arundel
Mrs. Ardel Astor
*Mrs. Augusta Auerbach
*Mrs. Sonja Auerbach
*Mrs. Dorothy Bank
*Gladys L. Barnes
Mrs. Michael E. Baron
*Barbara Bass
*Mrs. Hattie Beals
*Mrs. Beatrice Berg
Mrs. Ann Berin
*Mrs. Clarence Bingaman
*Suzanne Blackman
*Mrs. Lola Bockwinkel
*Frances Borgsteadt
Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy
*Mrs. W. C. Bridges
*Dr. Emmy Brochelman
*Mrs. M. Bernice Bush
*Mrs. Lillian E. Carr
*June Cerf
*Mrs. Houston Chandler
*Mary V. Christian
*Mrs. William H. G. Clark
Marguerite Cotledge
*Anna B. Cohn
*Mrs. Leo Costa
*Mrs. Viola Crittenden
*Mrs. Peter Doder

"Thelma Hecht
Olive Heffner
*Mrs. O. Hendler
*Mrs. Richard Hirschfeld
*Mrs. Grover Houser
*Ruby Hoxsey
Mrs. Bobette M. James
Mrs. Paul Jans
*Mrs. Ernest Jonas
*Jennie Kaplan
*Dr. Luisa Kerschbaumer
Mrs. Ann Kling
Mrs. Charlotte Koch
*Mrs. Marcel Kovarsky
Mrs. Ida Morgan Kozak
*Pat Landesman
*Leona Leach
*Hannah L. Levin
*Natalie Lipcin
*Mrs. Robert Logsdon
Lynn Londa
*Rose Sanel Londe
*Mrs. Carolyn Lopata
*Ann Rice Ludlow
*Mrs. Lois Lumpkin
Carolyn MacLeod
Irma Lee Manewitz
Mrs. Carroll Martin
*Victoria Martin
*Viola Martin
Mrs. William Massingale
*Mrs. James McMurtry

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*Geraldine Dyson
*Rose Ferdman
*Edna Fincher
*Florence Flamm
*Mrs. Nell Flateau
*Mrs. Thomas J. Gates
Mrs. Louis Gershenson
Fannie Goldberg
*Rosemary Goldsmith
*Eunice Gottlieb
Mrs. L. Greengard
*Mrs. Rose Grossmahn
*Dr. Ruth Harris
*Mrs. Jane Harris
*Mrs. Harold Hartogensis
Elsie Hauber
*Mrs. Florence Haynes
Sue Wolverson
Margaret Bush Wilson

"*Miss Roma Hilder
Rebecca Miller
Agnes M. Moore
Clara Mae Perkins
Ruth Peters
Esther Portenor
*Mrs. Freda Priwer
*Rose Ganz Propper
*Mrs. Hazel Rutledge
*Mrs. Zoe Booth Rutledge
*Mrs. Chas. Seba
Katherine Shryver
*Mrs. Michael Somogyi
*Mrs. Lillian Spector
Teresa Speck
Dr. Bernice A. Torin
Mrs. Dorothy Treiman
*Mrs. Berty M. Van Sickle
*Clayda J. Williams
*Mrs. M. S. Wortman

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August 30, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

MARGARET BUSH WILSON
SECURITY MATTER - C

The following are filed herein as exhibits:

Three prints and one negative of subject addressing a meeting of the Progressive Party of Missouri, Elks Hall, St. Louis on April 18, 1948.

Three prints and one negative of subject seated at the speakers' table at a luncheon sponsored in honor of Mrs. HENRY A. WALLACE, at Hotel Kingsway, by the Progressive Party of Missouri on June 19, 1948.

One copy of each of the foregoing prints has been filed in the photograph album.

The aforementioned negatives were prepared from photographs furnished by [redacted] An 8 x 10 photograph of subject taken April 18, 1948 has been previously filed herein as an exhibit and the group photograph taken June 19, 1948 has been filed in 100-8050. b2 b7D

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August 23, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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The following report dated August 15, 1948 was received from Confidential Informant [redacted]. The original of this report is being filed in 62-19914 and the duplicate copy is to be considered a part of the original memorandum and filed immediately beneath it in 100-8050. The duplicate report should not be marked, mutilated or serialized.

"Pep Meeting to get workers for the Wallace Campaign

Place Italian Hall - Vandeventer & Delmar
Date August 15th, 1948
Time 8:30 P.M.

"Bob Logsdon chaired the meeting. Margaret Bush Wilson introduced Charles Howard. Bob Logsdon introduced the other speakers, Delacy, John Abt and Baldwin.

"The meeting began by singing a song about voting for Wallace. There was not much enthusiasm and the crowd was small for Wallace's top men. I estimated about 200 people and the Negroes were in the majority. I looked around the hall and saw the usual crowd. I made a mental note of all present who are known to me - This was the line up; Rosa Bracy, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Koch, Lil Levine, Virginia Spence, Mr. & Mrs. D. McLeod, Jim Carr, Charlie Wilson, Kit Shryver, Jack Becker, Reed Ross, Sol Dernan, Mike Maconian, Mary Christian.

"Charlie Howard talked about the Negro and his dignity as a man. He told the group that the only hope for the Negro is the program of Henry Wallace. He brought up all the problems that belong to the Negro group -- lynching, segregation etc., He said that Truman is not sincere in his civil rights program and if he were he could not do anything because of the South. Charlie Howard spoke about Margaret Wilson being educated, cultured and far above Mrs. Luce and Mrs. Douglas - The crowd applauded.

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"At this point Lou Kimmel and DeLacy came in from a trip down in Missouri. DeLacy did his best to stir the crowd to activity. He announced that to date there are 18,000 signatures in Missouri for Wallace. He said that from today until the 24th St. Louis must get 3000 signatures daily.

"Kansas City is not doing so well but he hopes to send some workers there. It seems that DeLacy has been in Missouri for about a week. He asked for volunteers to ring door bells. He got a number but it was not 100%. He said that it will be a shame if Wallace cannot get on the ticket in Harry Truman's home state. He also announced places where booths would be during the next week -- 7th St. 8th St. 9th St. Jefferson and Chouteau, 5100 Shaw which is Sam Chinchinni's place. Page and Taylor. There will also be headquarters at Bill Massengale's and Margaret Wilson's homes. Volunteers are to report at these places for every available hour that they can work. Cards were passed around for people to sign the hours of service that they would give. The meeting was still a bit lifeless. Here and there a spurt of enthusiasm broke out but it was short and sweet.

"Bob Logsdon introduced John Abt. He is a thin Jewish man with a mustache. He began by saying that he is one of the spies before the Thomas Committee. He had little to say and did not dwell on the Red angle much. There was so much confusion in the hall getting people to sign up for work that it was a bit difficult to hear what Mr. Abt. was talking about.

"Mr. DeLacy had mentioned that next Tuesday there is to be a hearing in Jefferson City concerning placing Wallace on the Missouri ballot and the Progressive Party has good lawyers. John Abt is a lawyer, so Bob Logsdon announced.

Mr. Abt dwelt on minority groups. He said that he understood the Negro because he himself belonged to a minority group, the Jews. Altho' he added that his group had not been as badly treated as the Negro. He also said that if the German people had risen up and fought Hitler when he became anti-semitic and anti Communistic there would have been no world war II. Mr. Abt did not cause any great enthusiasm among the crowd. Bob Logsdon then took the floor and began to ask for money. There were several donations of \$25. a number of \$10. & \$5. \$1. and change. I was sitting with Mary Christian. She said that she would give some small change as the organization owed her fifteen dollars. She sold some tickets to a dinner given by a Mrs. Ludlow. She called several people and paid for their tickets. When the people paid at the dinner this money was also given to the office instead of repaying Mary. I made no comment but I thought a plenty.

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"Mary and I moved in the back of the hall to join Virginia who had come in late. Sol came over and sat by Mary. He asked her if she had two fives for a ten. She said "no." He asked me but I said "no". Sol went in a back room later to help Esther Baron count the money ??????????

"The last speaker was Mr. Baldwin. He is a poor speaker and said little of any interest. One statement that he made interested me. He referred back to the Sharecropper's strike in South East Missouri. He was in Washington in some capacity at the time. He said that if he had it to do over again there would be a bigger strike and a longer one -- (applause) -- He said "We got blamed for that strike". The "WE" interested me because if I remember correctly the REDS were the ones blamed at the time.

"The speakers had the same line of hooey. All are for peace and friendly relations with the Soviet Union. All are against Mr. Truman and Dewey and the old parties. All were against the unAmerican Committee. The Negro question was stressed because of Margaret Wilson and the large group of Negroes present. We are headed towards Fascism and are losing our rights fast. In fact, the whole key note of the meeting was-- everything in this good old U.S.A. is all wrong the the only hope in Henry Wallace and then prosperity for all except Wall Street and the capitalists. How all of this great utopian Government is going to be brought about is never told. It is all a great big dream with big words and general terms.-- nothing concrete.

"Virginia brought me home. She, Mary Christian and Mike went out to eat. Coming along in the car Virginia said that our little group really started something by raising \$50. after the election Kit and others plan to organize other little groups and raise money to keep the liberal movement going. "

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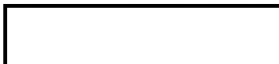
St. Louis, Missouri
August 2, 1948

Re: MARGARET BUSH WILSON
SECURITY MATTER - C

There is filed herein as an exhibit, a photograph of the above as taken at a meeting of the Progressive Party of Missouri on April 18, 1948 at Elks Club Hall, 901 North Vandeventer, St. Louis, Missouri. It was furnished to the writer by GEORGE DENT, Chief Photographer, St. Louis Globe-Democrat, (STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL).

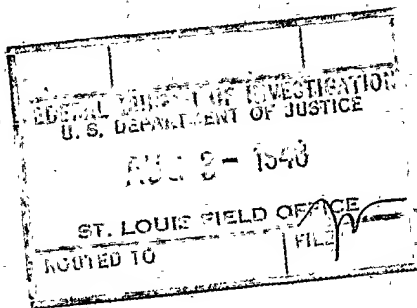
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MRS. MARGARET BUSH WILSON, attorney, is a graduate of Talladega (Ala.) College and Lincoln University School of Law. She formerly was an attorney in the office of the solicitor, U. S. Department of Agriculture. She lives at 4200 W. Page blvd.

Mrs. Wilson recommends "acting through, not by-passing" the United Nations to strengthen the organization. She advocates a minimum wage of \$1 per hour, repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law, price and rent controls, high taxes on excess profits and "nationalization of the munitions industries to eliminate getting a profit out of production for war." She opposes universal military training and peacetime draft. She favors progressive reduction of trade barriers.

St. Louis Star-June ("Votes Guide")

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Unopposed Candidate for Congress (11th Dist.) in

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St. Louis, Missouri
September 7, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

The following excerpt appeared in a news article by HARRY WOHL, The St. Louis Star Times, on 7-24-48 in connection with his coverage of the Progressive Party Convention in Philadelphia:

"WILLIAM SENTNER, St. Louis labor figure, and FANNIE COOK, Missouri authoress, who were listed as members of convention committees, did not show up. Sentner is reported to have declined the invitation to come to Philadelphia and Miss Cook is said to be vacationing far from the maddening crowd.

"LISTED as delegates from St. Louis are James T. Bush, real estate broker; Douglas Macleod, attorney; Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, candidate for Congress from the 11th district now represented by Claude I. Bakewell; her husband, Robert Wilson, attorney; William Hutchinson, attorney; Reid Ross, ironworker; Dr. W. C. Bridges, physician; Katherine Shryver, St. Louis Progressive Committee director; Charlotte Grosberg, St. Louis chairman of Youth for Wallace; Davelle J. W. Reger, typographer; State Representative William Fassingale, Democrat who switched over to the Wallaceites; Alice Melichian, Bertha White and Daisy Williams, students; Mrs. Bertie Vansickle, Mrs. Fanny Goldberg and Mrs. Lee Costa, housewives.

"AMONG OTHER Missourians listed are Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, St. Louis, national committeeman; Dr. John F. Rutledge, Crystal City national committeeman; Robert Logsdon, Lemay, international representative of the C.I.O. United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union; Zoe Rutledge, Hillsboro, teacher; Henri Jennings, South Kinloch, student; Abe Treiman, Clayton, accountant, Jack Becker, Clayton, Progressive Party state director."

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Sep. 7, 1948

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WHITE, DAISY WILLIAMS, Mrs. BERTY VANSICKLE, Mrs. LEE COSTA,
ZOLA RUTLEDGE.


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THURSDAY
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(REED) ROSS TO RAY (KOCN)

Ross: Do you have anybody working on the petitions? Ray: yes
we have two teams out working on it tonight. Ross: Well we
will meet here tomorrow night and at the office Saturday.
Ray: TOM GATES (PH) will be there and it is a question of
whether whether somebody got with him or not. I will see
you at MARGARET'S (BUSH WILSON) tomorrow. Okay

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St. Louis, Missouri
August 26, 1948

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MEMO, SAC:

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On April 12, 1948, [] furnished the following information concerning his trip to Jefferson City, Missouri, in connection with the founding convention of the Progressive Party of Missouri.

On April 11, 1948, informant boarded a bus at the corner of Grand and Franklin Avenues at about 7:30 a.m. There were ten buses in all which carried people to the convention. A total of 600 persons went to the convention. The buses left at 7:30 a.m. Informant stated that Reverend [] JONES was in charge of the bus on which he rode. JONES had lunches and soda to sell. Informant understood that JONES, who he described as a middle-aged colored man, was with the PCA group the bus stopped at the Wabash Station and picked up at 8:15 a.m. On the trip to Jefferson City the passengers sang songs such as the one composed by PAUL ROBESON for use at Wallace rallies.

The party arrived at Jefferson City at 11:30 and went directly to the State Capitol where the meeting was held in the Chamber of the House of Representatives. Registration for the Convention was carried on in a lounge room just back of the main meeting hall where there were two white girls unknown to informant taking the \$1 registration fee and one other who was giving out registration slips. These slips called for the registrant's name and address, ward and precinct. Red cards were issued to those who were to participate in the convention and white cards to those who were to sit in the galleries as spectators. Informant has furnished his red card which was issued to him when he registered. This is being retained as an exhibit to this file.

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The convention was opened at 12:00 noon with an unknown young white man in charge. This young white man acted as the chairman and after his introductory remarks he introduced LEO KRYCZKI, whom he described as a representative of HENRY A. WALLACE.

KRYCZKI, who spoke for one hour and fifteen minutes, stated that he felt that WALLACE needed no build up. He mentioned that on the night before WALLACE had spoken to a crowd of 40,000 people in Chicago and that over 100,000 had been raised for the WALLACE campaign. KRYCZKI stated that just before he boarded the train for this meeting, WALLACE told him to tell the convention that the people would be with them one hundred per cent if they would carry out his program.

At the conclusion of KRYCZKI's speech, a collection was taken up and among those informant was able to remember as donating were: JOHN T. RUTLEDGE, who pledged \$250; J. T. BUSH, a negro pledged \$5,000; and Dr. W. C. BRIDGES, who pledged \$250. At the conclusion of the collection the chairman directed the delegates to assemble in groups according to Congressional Districts.

Informant was in the group of those from the Eleventh Congressional District. The others who were in this group were DOTTIE SAGE, VIRGINIA SPENCE, AL MURPHY, BILL SENTNER, DOUG MAC LEOD, DR. & MRS. W. C. BRIDGES, MRS. ROSA BROWN BRACY, ANDREW PEOLA, who is a slim gray haired white man, MARGARET BUSH WILSON, JAMES CARR, and one VAN SICKLE. Informant did not see VAN SICKLE but heard his name mentioned.

The Eleventh Congressional District group met in the House Chambers and Mrs. BRACY acted as the Secretary. An unknown colored man was elected chairman, defeating MAC LEOD. The executive committee elected by this group consisted of JAMES CARR, DR. BRIDGES, Mr. BUSH WILSON and VIRGINIA SPENCE. It was agreed that the executive committee would meet the following Sunday at the Pine Street YMCA and prepare for the election of delegates to the National Convention, where the Wallace Party would be founded on a National basis.

The meeting of the Eleventh Congressional District was concluded about 3:30 p.m. This meeting was closed to the press and to all spectators. Informant observed that BILL SENTNER and DOUG MAC LEOD seemed to dominate the proceedings of this meeting.

The delegates went back into full session at 3:30 p.m. and there took up the policy report. Discussion was based on a statement of policy submitted by the convention policy committee. This statement was reviewed paragraph by paragraph and after modification was adopted. Informant recalled that BILL SENTNER and MAC LEOD were

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opposed to the paragraph on Negro Rights. They thought that it was not strong enough and this paragraph was finally modified. At 7:00 p.m. the convention adjourned and the delegates returned to St. Louis. Informant noted that the following persons, in addition to those already mentioned, were present at the convention:

AL FRIEDMAN
SOL DERFMAN
HERSCHEL WALKER
SAM DLUGIN
BESS DLUGIN

PEARL BERNSTEIN
HELEN MUSIL
RAY KOCH
MARGE WILSON
WILLIAM MASSINGALE


In addition to informant's credentials as a participant in the convention, he furnished the following documentary items:

1. draft report of the organizational committee
2. statement of policy submitted by the convention policy committee
3. memorandum of the nature of and the procedure for establishing a political party in Missouri by MARGARET BUSH WILSON
4. Our Money System, by JOHN L. TALBOTT
5. What can be accomplished by Government purchase of the stock of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks, by JOHN L. TALBOTT.

All of the above items were distributed at the convention and are being retained as exhibits to this file.

The following names have been indexed:

ANDREW PELOA
VAN SICKLE
JOHN L. TALBOTT



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MISSOURI CITIZENS FOR WALLACE
BOB MANEWITZ
IRMA MANEWITZ
REVEREND _____ JONES

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| 100-3231 | - | DOTTIE AUKAMP SAGE |
| 100-1238 | - | AL MURPHY |
| 100-5357 | - | BILL SENTNER |
| 100-7131 | - | DAISY MAC LEOD |
| 100-6986 | - | MRS. W. C. BRIDGES |
| 100-6986 | - | DR. W. C. BRIDGES |
| 100-7822 | - | ROSA BROWN BRACY |
| 100-7959 | - | JAMES CARR |
| 100-7178 | - | VIRGINIA SPENCE |
| 100-8043 | - | MARGARET BUSH WILSON |
| 100-6856 | - | DR. JOHN RUTLEDGE |
| 100-8104 | - | J. T. BUSH |
| 100-115 | - | AL FRIEDMAN |
| 100-7657 | - | SOL DERMAN |
| 100-6970 | - | HERSCHEL WALKER |
| 100-7892 | - | SAM DLUGIN |
| 100-7952 | - | BESS DLUGIN |
| 100-7888 | - | PEARL BERNSTEIN |
| 100-1943 | - | HELEN MUSIL |
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Thursday

9/23/48. 6:32PM OG

RAY KOCH to ZOLLIE (CARPENTER) at home, nGO 4072. Zollie said it will be HERSCHEL (WALKER) (re person from each club meeting with Defense Fund Committee in defense of 12 indicted members.) Ray said OK, how are things going. Zollie said not too good, I guess you saw in Tuesdays paper what happened Monday nite. Ray said yes, were there any repercussions. Zollie said yes, they don't like it, actually what happened was they packed the place with guys from the corner - they didn't know what it was all about, four candidates spoke. Ray: Any Progressives? Zollie: yes, MARGARET (BUSH WILSON). Ray said I see, well I'll see you.

HBM

St. Louis, Missouri
August 26, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

RE: MRS. MARGARET BUSH WILSON
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Mrs. ESTELLE KLOCK, 5822 Lotus Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., called August 9, 1948. She said she has been active in Republican politics and during the recent primary became acquainted with Mrs. JAMES STORM, 816 Hamilton Ave. Last week, Mrs. STORM telephoned her, saying she would like to meet MARGARET BUSH WILSON and several of the latter's friends. Mrs. KLOCK said that this one is "a Communist", to which Mrs. STORM replied that "she is aware of this fact." Mrs. STORM added, however, that the Communists demonstrated in the recent primary that "they have the stuff" and she has some information she would like to furnish them which will "blow the city officials out of the water in the next election." Mrs. STORM indicated that she had information about bringing soft coal into St. Louis at a greatly reduced cost and that the administration was doing nothing along this line to help the financially harassed people of this city. Mrs. STORM proposed to meet with Mrs. WILSON, whom she wanted the informant to call at her Hamilton Avenue apartment. Mrs. KLOCK said she could not explain why she had been requested to make the telephone call. She declined to do so, saying that she was very busy.

Mrs. KLOCK was very concerned about this and said she would call again should anything more develop along this line. She intimated, however, that she desired to have nothing whatsoever to do with Mrs. WILSON or other Progressive Party candidates.

The following is a description of Mrs. JAMES STORM:

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| Race | White |
| Height | 5'6" |
| Age | 56 yrs. |
| Weight | 135 lbs. |
| Hair | Black; streaked with grey |
| Complexion | Pale |


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MEMO, SAC

September 21, 1948
St. Louis, Missouri

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

According to news article in September 16, 1948 St. Louis Star-Times, election of subject officers held in Jefferson City, Missouri on September 14, 1948 reflected following:

Chairman: ROBERT LOGSDON
Vice Chairman: MARGARET BUSH WILSON
Treasurer: ABE TREIMAN
Secretary: CHARLOTTE GROSBERG

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Saint Louis, Missouri
September 21, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There is filed herein the following document, which was received by mail from LI-898 in an envelope postmarked September 14, 1948. It is being filed as an exhibit herein.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
July 1948

"The fourth meeting of the State Central Committee was held on the above date at the Governor Hotel, Chairman ARTHUR LOURSON presiding.

"Reports on organization and the petition drive were made by Miss CHRYSLER, Mr. FAIRBROTHER, Mr. BAKER, Mr. CORRI and Mr. BERNARD.

"Report on finances made by Mr. BAKER. Motion passed to approve financial report and authorize any necessary payments for cash fund.

"Report on legal action and proposed policy regarding primary. In St. Louis area forces will be concentrated on rent control drive. Subsequent action to be determined by results of Supreme Court ruling.

"Recommendation of legal committee that State Central Committee formally elect those presidential electors who are to serve as substitutes in 2nd, 3rd, and 7th districts, namely Pierre Montminy, Adolph Beck and Elwood Bain. Motion passed that these persons be elected unanimously.

"Discussion of petition drive speedup. Motion passed that signatures be obtained on mass basis for duration of period.

"Discussion of campaign strategy and large meetings with national figures for August, September. Also suggested labor conference in August and 11th district concentration.

"Officers' recommendations on issues to be stressed by state candidates. Motion passed to include with officers' recommendations the salient points of additional report made by ARTHUR LOURSON.

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"Motion passed that Progress Party negotiate union contract for its employees with U.O.P.W.A. on state-wide basis.

"Recommendation made, and motion passed that Progressive Party donate \$35.00 to Mine Mill Strikers.

"Discussion of policy with regard to Missouri delegate representation at National founding convention.

"Motions passed that Dr. Bridges serve on Credentials Committee, and Margaret Wilson on Nominations Committee at Convention.

"Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

"ROBERT LOGGIE, Chm.
MARGARET WILSON, Act'g Sec."

The following names appearing in this report have been indexed:

(MISSILL) FARMINGTON
(MISSILL) BANKS
(JAMES) COHEN
FARMINGTON
ADOLPH BUCK
ELWOOD HAIN

Copies of this memorandum have been channelled to individual case files of other persons mentioned in instant document.

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SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 30, 1948

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Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

On August 17, 1948 informant [] executed the following statement concerning his attendance at a Progressive Party of Missouri meeting on August 4, 1948. The original statement is filed in 62-1707A and the copy should be filed immediately beneath the copy of this memorandum in 100-8050.

"STATEMENT

"St. Louis, Missouri
August 17, 1948

"Confidential Informant [] was interviewed on the above date at which time he gave the following information:

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"Sometime prior to August 3, 1948, I received a card from ROSA BROWN BRACEY advising that the Progressive Party of Missouri had scheduled an open-air meeting Tuesday night, August 3, 1948, at 901 Garrison Street, St. Louis, Missouri, at which MARGARET WILSON BUSH and a Mr. DRAPER would speak. I was unable to attend that meeting because of attendance at a meeting of the Nineteenth Ward Club at Communist Party Headquarters on that date. However, ROSA BROWN BRACEY called my wife and advised her that there would be another mass meeting at 901 Garrison, St. Louis, Missouri, on August 4, 1948. I attended this meeting, arriving at approximately eight twenty p.m. Fifty-five people were in attendance. The meeting was held up until nine o'clock awaiting the arrival of the man from the national office of the Progressive Party. I noted the following persons present: ROSA BROWN BRACEY; DRAPER; MARGARET WILSON BUSH; STERLING (white); JAMES COX; SOL DERMANT; RAY KOCH; and Reverend STANTLE (phonetic).

"STERLING acted as chairman and the meeting opened with the "I Want WALLACE" song. STERLING stated that a man was here from the national office and that he had been in the city all day. Most of the time had been spent on a ballot in Missouri. He stated further that to date Missouri was the hardest state in which to secure recognition but that we were going to be able to do it. He stated that thirty-one thousand signatures would be

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necessary. He said the difficulty was due to the fact that Missouri is TRUMAN's home state and that TRUMAN wants to carry the state and was doing everything possible to keep WALLACE off the ticket. He advised further that we needed sixty thousand signatures just to be on the safe side as it was a foregone conclusion that the Election Commissioners would work against the Progressive Party at every opportunity. He said he realized that this sounded like a lot of signatures but that it could be done if the people would work. He advised that twenty-five people are coming from Chicago to assist in the signature campaign. These people are full-time specialists in this field. Seven will go to Kansas City and the rest will remain here. He said it would be necessary to have all signatures before August 24, 1948.

" The Youth Club of St. Louis has pledged five hundred names. He asked for full-time volunteer workers here and distributed cards to persons who agreed to work full time. He stated that housewives with children would be able to work as the Party would furnish a central baby sitter who would take care of their children. He asked that everyone who could devote any time to the campaign notify SOL DERMAN who was coordinating the drive and would tell each person what district to cover. He stressed the importance of turning all signatures obtained in daily so that an accurate check could be kept on the number of signatures. He said that if the workers was working out of Communist Party Headquarters to turn in the daily reports there otherwise to turn them in to Progressive Party Headquarters. He advised that taverns, and theaters, and churches would be ideal places to obtain signatures. He said that the campaign would cost approximately \$3,000 which money would be obtained from National Headquarters of the Progressive Party. Full time workers are to receive \$5 per day and the baby sitter will also be paid. He said that he wanted to get the money back to National Headquarters but made no mention of how he intended to do this. No collection was taken. He advised that WALLACE was on the ballot of forty-four states and that we workers should not worry about court procedures to prevent WALLACE being on the ballot in Missouri as the party would take care of it. He stated that we should concentrate on signatures.

" The meeting adjourned at ten thirty p.m.

" On Thursday, August 5, 1948, I talked to SOL DERMAN of the Progressive Party, Grand and Franklin, at the Saum Building, St. Louis, Missouri, at approximately two p.m. He gave me several petition blanks. I obtained approximately forty signatures that day in the vicinity of Jefferson and Franklin Streets.

" On August 6, 1948, I filled one petition in the vicinity of Easton Avenue and Grand Boulevard. This was turned over to DERMAN at seven thirty p.m. in Progressive Party Headquarters.

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"On Saturday, August 7, I got a blank full of signatures at a church picnic in Forest Park. These were turned in to DERMAN on the following day."

"I have read the above statement and it is true to my best knowledge and belief."

HAROLD R. DOBSON
Special Agent

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cc: 100-4843-1236 - 19th Ward Club

100-7822 - R. BRACEY

100-8043 - M. B. WILSON

100-8138 - H. DEAFER

100-1542 - J. COX

100-7657 - S. DERMAN

100-7186 - R. KOCH

Indexed STERLING and Reverend STANTLE

SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

October 8, 1948

MEMO:

RE: 11th Legislative District Organization
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By mail in envelope postmarked September 30, 1948 [redacted] furnished the following items which are filed as an exhibit herein.

- 1- "Special Pass" to hear HENRY A. WALLACE, Kiel Auditorium, 8:00 P.M., September 25, compliments of Representative WILLIAM MASSINGALE and MARGARET BUSH WILSON, 818 North 18th Street.
- 2- Letter dated September 23, 1948 on letterhead of "Letter from MASSINGALE — WILLIAM A. MASSINGALE, Rep., 11th Legis. Dist., St. Louis, Jefferson City, Missouri" over the facsimile signature of WILLIAM A. MASSINGALE which urges the attendance at said WALLACE meeting and which enclosed the above ticket.
- 3- Envelope in which the two foregoing items were received by informant which contains the printed return of the Progressive Party of Missouri which is stricken out in ink for which is substituted the written address of 818 North 18th.

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Letters To The Editor

Says Wallace Is Civil Rights Chamnion

Editor

Dear Sir:

In your front page editorial of Friday, October 1st, you say that "Henry Wallace hurts the Negroes' case."

May I remind you of the following facts:

Henry Wallace has refused to speak to segregated audiences in the South.

Henry Wallace has spoken to over 20 non-segregated audiences in the very heart of Dixie, including a mixed audience in Texas of 3500 people. Mr. Truman spoke in Texas too, but not about civil rights and his audience was jim-crow.

Henry Wallace has two Negro women on his campaign staff, one of whom is his personal secretary!

Henry Wallace has personally accepted the indignities of the Negro in the South—violence, rotten eggs, tomatoes and the daily insecurity of jim-crowism.

37 Negroes are candidates for high office with Henry Wallace, and here in Missouri Mr. Wallace made a personal endorsement of me, a woman and a Negro as candidate for Congress in the 11th District.

For the first time in American history a Negro gave the keynote address at a convention of a National Political Party—the party of Henry Wallace.

Far from hurting the Negroes' case, Mr. Wallace is a champion of civil rights. He sacrificed the presidency for civil rights.

If Mr. Wallace wanted to hurt the Negroes' case he too would limit his protest to words. Truman talks about civil rights but the army is still jim-crow. Mr. Wallace practices what he preaches.

Sincerely yours,
Margaret Bush Wilson.

The Public Works Administration granted \$16,525,339 to Missouri from 1933 through June, 1938, for the construction of educational facilities.

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Re: Margaret Bush Wilson

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R. L. FOWLER
H. C. KENNEDY
F. E. ALLISON

Friday 9:36AM CG
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LOUISE ROSSEN to Mr. T. H. MAYBERRY at LUCAS 4494, 4122 St. Louis Ave. Louise asked if Mayberry could work at the polls. Mayberry said he has to work. Louise talked to MRS. T. H. MAYBERRY and asked if she could work at the polls. Mrs. Mayberry said yes, she could work from 4 to 7 PM and it doesn't matter what kind of ballots she gives out. RLF

11:30AM IC

COL (DELMAN) to LOUISE ROSSEN.

Col said to tell JIM (FQUEST) that the picket line has been called off. He said to also tell Jim that MARGARET (BUSH TILSON) has learned that some of the judges have been instructed not to count the split tickets. Col said they are trying to verify if that is a ward decision or if it came from the Board of Election Commissioners Office, he said they deny it of course, so Louise can see what kind of an honest count they are going to get. RLF

3:52PM IC

REID ROES to LOUISE ROSSEN. Reid said that CAROLYN MC CLOUD(ph) had lost her card and he was calling to see if he could get the names Louise had, since they both had the ~~xxxxxx~~ 25th ward and he could tell which ones he had given Carolyn. Louise said to wait a minute while she got the list, she then read the following names: (ph spelling)

D. W. HARRIS
NICHOLAS HARRIS
DAVID HOLT
WILLIAM T. FRATIER
KRACHIALNICK
BENJAMIN LATHAM
FLORNOE LLY

LOIS LONEY
FRANK MARIZ
JAMES MC MURTRY
PRINCESS LITTLE
JERRY MC FOX
CHESTER MASSEY

(above list are people to whom cards were sent by the Progressive Party, asking them to volunteer to work at the polls on election day) FEA

9:45PM IC

GRACE (DAY) to LOUISE ROSSEN. Grace said she had been to the doctor and he told her she would have to take it easy; said she had to go to bed as soon as possible after work or she would be in the hospital for a long rest period; said she would need a leave of absence. Louise said that was bad, but they wouldn't want her to go to the hospital; said she should contact MRS MARGE WILSON ~~XXXXXXXX~~ and take it up with her. Grace asked Marge's phone number. Louise said she thought it was NE-1913, but ~~XXXXXXXX~~ IRMA (HARRIS) knew it for sure. Grace said she would try it and call Irma if it was wrong. FEA

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Margaret Bush Wilson

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IC HELEN MUGIL to JOHN ROSSEN for JIM (FGRESP), not in. Helen said she wanted to get NATHAN'S (OSER) phone number from Jim. John said, "Why don't you come up here, Jim will be here in a little while". Helen said, no, she thought she would stay home tonight; said, have Jim give me a call at home when he comes in.

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JIM FOREST to JOHN ROSEN. Jim said he had some work to do
and wouldn't be home for about an hour. John said ~~SURE~~
~~waited until you called back so I could talk to you.~~
HELEN (MUSIL) called and wants you to call her at home. Jim
said he would call her. John said he invited her over but she
said she was going to stay home. Jim said he also invited her
over; asked John what was new. John said, "Some of the reporters
on the radio said the local Congressional contest was complicated
by the candidacy of MARGARET BUSH WILSON." Jim said "Really,
that's encouraging, well I'll see you in a little while, maybe
10:30, but I'll be there. OK."

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10 BEN PHILLIPS to JOHN ROSEN. Ben identified himself and John said, there was nobody at Central District by that name you gave me, see if you can find out where he is and get some more details. Ben said he would see if he could contact her and get some more info.

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Robeson Sings On Streets For Margaret Wilson

Paul Robeson surprised hundreds of St. Louisans last week with a whirlwind visit in behalf of Margaret Bush Wilson, candidate for Congress on the Progressive Party ticket. He arrived at the airport at 9 a.m. Friday and left from there for Chicago at 2:10 p.m., Saturday. He was refused a room at the Hotel Jefferson which had been reserved for him.

In a series of speeches at indoor rallies and on street corners throughout the 11th Congressional District, he told hundreds of listeners what it would mean to Negroes in the South or a border state to send a Negro woman to Congress. He said Negroes in the South today are fearless and determined to win their Civil Rights. "I felt safer in Memphis," Robeson said, "than in some northern cities, where fear has paralyzed many people."

The great singer always ended his talks with one or two songs, usually including "Water Boy" and "Old Man River," to the delight of his hearers. He reminded

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his audiences that it was on the American Theatre picket line two years ago here in St. Louis that he decided to give up his formal concert career and devote his talents to the fight for full citizenship for his people. Before some audiences he recited a scene from Othello, perhaps his greatest stage role.

Turned Down at Jefferson

Robeson was told that there was no room available for him when he made application at the Jefferson Hotel where he had made advance reservations.

Carl Robssler, manager of the hotel, attributed the lack of accommodations to the fact that the occupant of the room had failed to check out and no other rooms were available.

Meanwhile, candidate Margaret Bush Wilson, co-author of the rent control law, today protested at the delay in administration of the new law. She said that "apparently these men (the members of the Ways and Means Committee of the Board of Aldermen) think they can ignore the sound of ballots falling on election day."

The six who share Mr. Kratochvill's guilt in this phony move are Jasper C. Gaston, Louis G. Berra, Fred W. Haag, Louis A. Lange, Joseph R. Slay, and Tay S. Lohse.

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Contributed by
S.A.
from "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" dated 10-22-48

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Saint Louis, Missouri
November 15, 1948

Memo, SAC:

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following statement was obtained from [redacted] The original
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"STATEMENT

"September 30, 1948
St. Louis, Missouri

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"Informant [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON,
Federal Bureau of Investigation, on the above date at which time he gave
the following information:

"On September 25, 1948, I went to the Claridge Hotel, St. Louis,
Missouri, at approximately three fifty-five p.m. for the purpose of meeting
HENRY WALLACE. Mrs. ROSA BROWN BRACEY, Reverend MILLIN (phonetic), Mrs.
BRIDGES and another colored lady from the NAACP, WILLIAM MASSINGALE, and
several white people who are unknown to me were there when I arrived.

"HENRY WALLACE arrived at 4:25 p.m. and immediately came to the
balcony where we were. He was accompanied by MARGARET BUSH WILSON, HENRY
DRAPER, and a man named CANNON who runs a barbeque stand at 3400 Franklin,
and a white girl who ran against MARGARET BUSH WILSON for Congress at the
Jefferson City nominating convention of the Progressive Party of Missouri.
HENRY DRAPER is a member of the Nineteenth Ward Club of the Communist Party.
I have seen him at one meeting approximately four months ago at which time
he paid dues and I have seen his membership book. CANNON is not a member
of the PARTY but I believe him to be a sympathizer.

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Mrs. BRACEY began by stating that the purpose of the gathering was for Key Workers in the community to become better acquainted with Mr. WALLACE and that she had expected more persons to be present. Approximately twenty-three people were in attendance at that time. She then introduced Mr. WALLACE.

WALLACE asked if he could sit down because not many people were there. He said he did not know what to talk about but that he presumed that we were interested in three of the major problems facing this country today - housing, high prices and war. He stated that throughout his campaign tours he had found housing congestion everywhere and that the Government was uniformly failing to do anything constructive to alleviate the situation. He said he had heard of the ten million dollar bond issuance for slum clearance in St. Louis and said he was sure everyone would be for it because it was representative of progressive living. He stated that we should be sure we understood the reasons behind such a slum clearing project before we approved it, however. He directed attention to the fact that clearance of the slum area is proposed would divide a bloc of colored voters and would virtually dispossess colored businessmen and residents in the area and make it impossible for them to ever return. He said that these matters as well as the usual benefits should be considered.

Mr. WALLACE further stated that most everyone was concerned with the present rise in prices; that prices generally increased approximately fifty per cent since the war with meat and other staple products increasing even more. He said that as long as our products were for war preparation purposes that prices will continue to spiral upward, yet the man producing goods will continue to receive the same salary. He said that corn and wheat farmers were fighting recent cuts in the prices of commodities grown by them, yet the prices of finished products made from their materials such as corn flakes, etc., continued to rise. He said that the people who were actually doing the producing in this country were continually getting less and less pay for it due to the rising prices for their products and the fact that their wages are not rising. He stated that this country is driving directly to war and that he expected us to be in a full-scale war between three and five years if not sooner. He stated that Wall Street wants all other nations to be subservient to the United States, which was impossible. He stated that it was not possible for a man to run another man's back yard from his own. He said if we would equalize the Government continues to talk peace, yet spends billions for armaments. He stated further that the Democrat and Republican Parties could not bring about peace because they did not desire peace and were both working to lead us into war.

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Mrs. BRACY then asked him about his trip through the South. He said he had found it both interesting and educational. He had encountered violence in only two places after which members of the new third party scrutinized each person in attendance carefully and when they noticed any suspicious bulges in pockets denoting eggs or other throwable matter, they would bump forcibly against them, thus breaking the eggs and thus discouraging that type of demonstration. He stated that the egg throwing had finally ceased. He was firmly convinced that at least ninety per cent of the people were for him and stated that he would never be able to understand why people will not come out and publicly stand up for what they know is right. He said that he had met numerous colored ministers in the South who had assured him of their cooperation and asked him out to address their congregations. He thus had many opportunities to speak to large colored groups.

Mrs. BRACY then asked regarding the attitude of the Christian people both as to the coming election and the possibility of war. WALLACE said that he had found such people depending on prayer as a solution but stated he personally felt that their prayers should be reinforced by personal action in order to gain the desired end.

At this time someone passed a note to the effect that part of the group which was supposed to have met on the balcony were at the time in the Marine Room of the hotel. The group then adjourned to the Marine Room. On entering there was a man on the stage singing "I Want Wallace" and other Third Party campaign songs. Mr. WALLACE was introduced by a white man who was Assistant chairman of the Youth Group of the Communist Party whose name I do not know.

WALLACE said he had just met with a group upstairs and went over the same type of information he had given us before. He then asked if any persons in the group had any questions. One white girl, whose name I do not know, asked how the party could benefit by a large vote this year due to the fact that a Republican or Democrat will probably actually be elected.

WALLACE said that a large vote for the Progressive Party would be beneficial in two ways. First, it would help in this election and at least keep the Progressive Party automatically on its feet and on the ballots of the several states and would stave off war. Second, if he received a tremendous amount of votes there might not be a war. He stated that there are presently three major political parties in this country and that he was in favor of just two. He said it had been proven time and again that

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the two major parties - the Republicans and Democrats - were rotten and that one or both of them should be abolished and a new opposition party formed to take their place. He stated that such a militant minority was necessary in order to keep the party in power on its toes. He then mentioned the names of the persons running on the Progressive Ticket after which he gave a short talk on the historical development of Wall Street, the DuPont family and such. He concluded his remarks at approximately five fifty p.m.

There were better than one hundred people in the Marine Room during the above talk which included the group of twenty-three people previously mentioned upstairs. Practically all of these people have been observed by me at meetings at Communist Party Headquarters, 1041 1/2 North Grand, St. Louis, Missouri, but I do not know their names. G. B. HALL of the Railroad Club was there.

After the meeting the young people in the group sang "We Want Wallace" and other songs and Mr. WALLACE and other officials of the Party went over to the side where newspaper photographers took pictures. I have not seen these pictures in the newspapers.

I certify that I have read the above and foregoing statement and that it is true according to my best knowledge.

Witnessed:

HRD - 9-30-48

HAROLD R. DOBSON,
SA

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cc- ROSA BROWN BRACY 100-7822
W. MASSINGALE 100-351
MARGARET BUSH WILSON 100-8043 ✓
H. DRAPER 100-8138
CHATHAM CANNON 100-8105
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES 100-7789
G. H. HALL 100-7148

The following have been indexed:

Reverend MILLIN and Mrs. BRIDGES.

St. Louis, Mo.
11-16-48

MEMO, SAC:

RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY of MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following report dated 10-17-48 was received from Confidential Informant [redacted] The original of this report is being filed in 62-1641A b2 b7D and the duplicate copy is to be considered a part of the original memorandum and filed immediately beneath it herewith.

~~REDACTED~~ The following names appearing in this report have been indexed: JOSEPH DOREN, Rev. WILLIAMS, GLENN TAYLOR.

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Bukich Andy, Braun Arnold, Bernstein Pearl, Cox Chas., Chinnichi Sam, Cotledge Mary, Crittenden J.H., Catlin Reeves, Doren Joe, Derman Sol, Edsell Howard, Forrester Paul, Forest Jas., Goldberg Fanny, Grether Robt. P., Hall Harold, Annabelle, Hudson Romey, Hoffman Wm., Haubel Elsie, Holzapfel Pop, Johnson Claudia, Kozak Joe & Ida, Kimmel Low, Londe Dr. J., Levin Lillian S., Massingale Wm & Willie, Musil Helen, Manewitz Sam, Moore Jas, Agnes & Stanley, Pablich John Sr., Perkins Clara Mae, Pine Denny, Pelles Louis, Rossen John & Louise, Schmidt Tom, Stanford R. L., Schoenfeld I, Smith Marcel, Smith Floyd & Mary, Sanders Sol & Rose, Spence Virg., Tremel Ale x, Wolverson Ray & Sue, Waxman Elliott, Walker Herschel, Williams Rev.

"Attended meeting of Progressive Party at Kiel Auditorium Assembly Hall #1. The tickets & other publicity said Hall #2, but the meeting was held in Hall #1. It opened with the usual guitar playing & singing. Logsdon acted as chairman & introduced the candidates. Margaret Bush Wilson spoke against the Slum Clearance Bond Issue & Logsdon told of progress of the campaign in outstate Missouri.

"Taylor opened his part of the program by singing a couple of songs with his wife & son Arad. Taylor outlived the course of Fascism in Germany & the duplicate moves by big American monopolies & cartels today. He compared Forrestal to Hitler & Truman to Hindenburg. He said the military clique was supporting the monopolies. He said Dewey also subscribed to the same philosophy so that there is no difference between the Republicans & Democrats on foreign policy, "they want war".

"The usual collection was taken up in the usual manner, asking for large contributions & then taking up the small change. The amount was not announced."

GRCC:MH *7/10/49*
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Monday 11:25AM OG JOHN ROSSEN to Mrs. (MARGARET BUSH) WILSON at JE 4234, listed to Mrs. M. BERNICE (extra listing) and JAMES T. BUSH, 4200 W. Page. John identified himself as the local correspondent for the "SUNDAY WORKER", a national newspaper, which wants him to get an interview with Mrs. Wilson, as they are getting interviews with Negro members of the PROGRESSIVE PARTY all over the country; he said he wants some of her background and a photograph. She said she is terribly busy and that he could get that from the files of the PROGRESSIVE PARTY office. John said he talked to Miss (KATHERINE) SHRYVER at the PROGRESSIVE PARTY, about it, but he thought he could get more authentic and important material if she could find a few minutes for it. He asked if he could meet her at the PROGRESSIVE PARTY office later today. Wilson said she was afraid not, she is so tied up, and suggested he check the material at the PROGRESSIVE PARTY office and if he needs more information to give her a ring. John said he will pick the material up at the PROGRESSIVE PARTY office then. RLF

12:08PM OG JIM FOREST to Unknown Women for BILL SENTNER, at UERUWA. Jim said he called Bill yesterday, but he wasn't back yet. Jim asked if Bill will be busy around 3PM, for Jim to drop in. Bill said "Yes, I'll be tied up in a hearing." Jim asked when Bill will be clear and Bill said around, 5PM, or maybe earlier. Jim told Bill to call him and said "Look, will you be free tonite, because I would like to give a report on this gathering I was at (in Chicago, Ill.)." Bill said so far he isn't tied up tonite. Jim said if he could make it, it will be at 8 o'clock, and Bill should call Jim or Jim will check back with Bill. RLF

1:15PM OG JIM FOREST to AL MURPHY at 11th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT. Jim said he will be down there in about an hour and a quarter. RLF

1:20PM IC SARAH SHAW, from home to JIM FOREST. Sarah asked Jim if he is planning a little trip this week somewhere in his car - yes. Sarah asked if she could send a little junk along with him. Jim said yes, he will leave Wednesday morning and will come over and get the stuff she wants to send. Sarah said she knows Jim has a doings tomorrow nite. Jim said yes. RLF

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H. L. FOWLER

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Tuesday 2:44PM OG
10/12/48

JIM FOREST to PROGRESSIVE PARTY for KIT SHRYVER. Unknown woman answering phone said Kit was home sick today.

HEM

2:45PM OG

JIM FOREST to KIT SHRYVER at home, DB 1338, listed to Dr. MICHAEL E. HARRON, 1246 Ashurst. Jim expressed concern over Katherine being ill. Jim said this is our big opportunity, said we are in much better shape than we were before the signature drive and now we have 3 weeks to go and we can cover the area block by block. Jim said it will help solve this neighborhood problem; said we can and have to pick up tempo fast, that will be the substance of the meeting tonight. Kit asked if the workers would do that. Jim said oh yes, BILL (MABBINGALE) has been very good, so has the Trade Union guy and the fellow who worked on the folder; said we have 3 weeks to go and we'll work on this neighborhood thing and have a mass campaign. Jim said on Public Housing, here is an issue in which the people are ten times more responsive than the other thing - all the people that came forward before on rent control will come forward again. Kit said we in our turn can call for a Bond Issue. Jim said well that has already been done by the Labor Commission - last Sunday, they called for a \$25 million dollar Bond Issue for Public Housing. Jim said we'll put the PROGRESSIVE PARTY on record for being behind public housing. Kit said in our very bottom days of poverty we have about 12 pieces of paper for signatures. Jim said why don't you borrow some from us. Kit said we have and I expect some in today about four. Jim said if you need any send a courier. Jim said we suggest there be a special sub-committee of the PROGRESSIVE PARTY, an anti-bond committee set itself up to canvas business men in that area for finances and support, said they'll get it too. Kit said do you think so, said one of those business men has just fired a PP member. Jim asked if that was the reason he was fired. Kit said not directly but he was discussing it with his Boss who recommended that he stay away from it and three days later he told him that he couldn't afford to pay him enough so he had better get another job. Jim said that looks like we can't do much about it right now but you can do quite a bit when this gets under way. Jim said please, please take it easy; said the job is to get this rolling. Kit said I'm sorry I can't talk to you about PAUL's (ROBESON) business on Friday but I think we have things pretty well under control. Jim said yes, from what I hear you have. Kit said we're getting out invitations to some colored people to come in and meet him that night; said MARGARET (BUSH WILSON) extended an invitation to him offering her house. Jim said "wonderful". Jim said I'm going to KC for a few days; said I think the meeting here the other night was wonderful, he (Sen. Glen Taylor) really extended himself, I think the speech of MARGARET's (Bush Wilson) was simply out of this world. Kit said she didn't hear all of it but it was damn good. Jim said I'll call you the minute I get back, I'll be back Sunday.

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Wednesday 8:25PM IC
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Bill's (BILL MASSINGALE)
AL MURPHY to BOB MANEITZ. Al said ~~Bill's (CHARLES GILMORE)~~
trial came up tomorrow. Bob said who is defending him. Al
said (MARGARET BUSH) WILSON. Bob said good. Al said we are
really going to have something Friday nite (Paul Robeson Planning
Meeting), said it wont only be our group but all of the Young
PROGRESSIVE's. Bob said good; said he would be over after
work tomorrow.

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H. B. MURPHY

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10-22-48
Friday

12:50PM OG

JIM FOREST to KIT SHRYVER at PROGRESSIVE PARTY.
Jim wanted to know how Kit was getting along. She said, "These press releases are just on me," and then she explained that she has to get them in early in order that copy may be set by 8:00 AM. She said that after the copy is set, "they hate to tear it down in case another story comes in but if it's later they don't like to take your releases." Then Jim said that "we made the front page of the Argus today, word for word." Jim also said there is an editorial in the Argus on "redbaiting" which is very good. He said they have set up "three syllogisms" showing that if the Communist Party says a slum clearance is bad, then slum clearance is bad. He said "we also have a release in the American." Jim said that if they get people into the areas with the literature, "that very beautiful literature" and he mentioned the "don't be a sucker leaflet", they would be doing more good than with press releases. He said that if those people see that literature they will vote Progressive because no other political force has taken a stand on it. Kit says they will have to have one hundred thousand votes to vote down slum clearance and she said "50,000 of them will be negroes." Jim said he missed the radio speech (apparently referring to speech by MARGARET BUSH WILSON). Kit said it was wonderful. She said the radio station "was all aflutter at her diction, her transmission, and her poise." Kit thought it would be a good idea to put her on the radio again soon. Jim agreed, especially since the Mayor has made "the statements he does." Kit said she is worried now about the letter which the City Committee has asked her to write to the Governor as soon as she heard from RAMBOSETTI (ph). Jim said, "Did you get the notes?" Kit said yes. Jim said he thought it would be a good idea for Kit to run a day behind on the press releases; he said, "it will still be hot." Jim said, "Should we get together?" Kit said yes. Jim said, "Usual". Kit, "yes". Then Kit said, "Goodbye Esther."

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Friday
10/22/48

5:45PM OG

JIM FOREST to PEARL (BERNSTEIN) at Fireside 1777, listed to
you still make it. Pearl said yes, same time? Jim said yes,
same time, same place but don't worry if I'm 5 minutes late. HEM

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Monday 10:38AM 10 (LAVALLE J.W.) REGER to CHUCKIE KOH.
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Chuckie said she is so sick she can hardly talk. Reger said he just called to tell her that at 4 this afternoon the (PROGRESSIVE PARTY) caravan is going to be at Vandeventer and Olive and at 5:45 it will be at Sarah and Olive, and he and MARGARET BUSH WILSON will give a little talk; he said maybe Chuckie has some friends in the neighborhood she wants to tell about this so they can hear it. Chuckie said she is too ill to do anything hardly, but if Ray comes home she will tell him about it. MF

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Wednesday 4:29 PM IC
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BOB VAN WITZ to RAY KOCH for JIM (FOREST), not in. Ray said he would need help tonite on the mailing. Bob said, why don't you call some people who won't be at the meeting and see if they can come down. Ray said he would but he doesn't want to interfere with them downstairs. Bob asked if Ray had any idea where he could reach Jim. Ray said downstairs, probably. Bob said "Did anything come in from New York." Ray said no, not a thing; said some woman was in here to see about renting the place for a whist party. Bob said no, were not renting. Ray said, not to anybody, this woman represents some women's club that's supporting MARGARET (BUSH WILSON). Bob said "Oh, well we may be able to rent it for something like that." Ray said, I gave her your phone number so she'll probably call you. OK. FEA

5:10 PM IC

HELEN RUSSEL to RAY KOCH for JIM (FOREST) not in. Helen said we settled the doings last night. Ray said "What did you get". Helen said "We got eight or more pennies an hour, hospitalization and sick benefits, holidays with pay; we might have gotten more if we went on strike but we got more than we asked for anyway, so. Ray said that's good, you're going up anyway; said we gave out some of those pamphlets by (GEORGE) DENNIS out at Independent today. Helen said, I saw you out there, I wondered what you were doing, you and POP (LOUIS HOLZAPFEL). Ray asked Helen to make out a list of names for mailing; said, about 100 names would do. OK. FEA

5:32 PM CG

RAY KOCH to DAVID BARKER at WA 4449-R. Ray said, "How about a trip into town tonite, you and THELMA (BARKER) and a couple of kids." Dave said, what's up? Ray said they needed some help on the mailing list; said, all you have to do is sit around a table and put stuff in envelopes. Dave said he was going to a Labor Committee meeting and then go out to do some campaigning. Ray said they wouldn't want him to come down if he had something like that to do. OK, bye. FEA

5:47 PM IC

Unknown Woman to RAY KOCH for JIM (FOREST) Not in. UW said Jim said he might be reached there before eight. Ray said, well it isn't eight yet. UW said, will you have him call me when he comes in? Ray said "Who's he". UW said "I think he'll know. Ray said, "I'll just say the girl with the golden voice". OK. FEA

7:14 PM IC

JOHNNY (ROSSEN)
LOUISE ROSSEN to RAY KOCH for JIM (FOREST) Not in. Ray said, "He said he'd be here at eight." Louise said, I know, have him call home when he gets there. OK. FEA

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Wednesday 513PM OG
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AL MURPHY to HELEN MURPHY at 11th LEGISLATIVE DIST., CH 3062,
for BILL (HARRINGTON), not in. Al asked if Bill was in, said
he wanted to talk to him about complimentary tickets for the party.
Helen said, Chairman CHARTMAN (ph) was at the
Pullman Club and Al was to call him there about the tickets.
Al said OK, he and Bill were going and would Helen call to
see if MARGARET (SUCH WILSON) wanted to go. OK.

FEA

515PM OG

AL MURPHY to KIT SHRYVER at PROGRESSIVE PARTY H.Q., 148582.
Al asked Kit if she knew anything about the dance tomorrow
night. Kit said she didn't. Al said this new RRworkers Union
is giving a dance. Kit asked the name of the union. Al said
the DINING CAR WORKERS AND FOOD WORKERS UNION; said its an
independent union and they announced that they were for
Wallace at the executive board meeting; said they're giving
away complimentary tickets to our candidates and they plan
to introduce them at the dance; said would she canvass the
candidates and see who wanted to go so he would know how
many tickets to get. Helen said she would and asked Al where
the members of this union lived. Al said they ~~all~~ lived all
over St. Louis but most of them were in the 11th Congressional
Dist.; said they distribute Wallace literature in the trains.
Kit said she didn't know how many tickets he should get but
why didn't he get six tonite and more in the morning if he needed
them. Al said OK.

FEA

529PM OG

AL MURPHY to Chairman (ph) at CA-7970, Brotherhood
of Pullman Porters, Recreation Club. Al told Chairman that
they would need at least six complimentary tickets and if
more he would let him know in the morning. Chairman said
~~ask~~ COVAN (ph) has the tickets, do you want to
talk to him? Al told Covan he would need six tickets. Covan
said he would get them ~~fax~~ to him tomorrow morning. Al
said he thought all the negro candidates would be there. OK.

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Wednesday 9:26AM IC
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KOVAN (LONG) to AL MURPHY.

Kovan said he is trying to arrange the program for the mass meeting on the 19th and 20th, and he talked to "CHAPPIE" (CHAPMAN) and he wants to get MARGARET (BUSH) WILSON and several other fellows from the Terminal. Kovan said he was thinking of forming a ladies' auxiliary at the mass meeting, and appointing MARGARET (BUSH) WILSON as the head of it, at least they will contact her and see if she will accept that position. He asked Al if Al approved of this idea of a ladies' auxiliary and Al said definitely yes, there are no such things anymore as "men's meetings." Al said he will be at the office later on today and for Kovan to call him there. RLF

10:00AM IC

MARGE WILSON to PAULINE MURPHY.

Marge asked if Pauline heard anything about how MASS (BILL MASSINGALE) and MARGARET (BUSH) WILSON came out in the elections. Pauline said she hadn't heard anything yet. Marge said she is going to stay in bed today, she can't seem to get warm, and asked Pauline to tell AL (MURPHY) that, but not to wake him up if he is still asleep. Marge said "I'm going to stay in bed today, I ain't getting paid for what I do now." Marge said they haven't paid her for last week yet and she told ANDY (WILSON) she is going to work Thursday and Friday and see what happens. Marge said "I got to live and that party don't feed me and they don't feed this empty space in my stomach and don't pay my gas and light bill; I'm going to work Thursday and Friday and if he don't pay us, I got to get out and find something for me to do." Pauline agreed, saying that everybody is always talking. Marge said "And nobody does anything." Pauline and Marge agreed that they are always spending money for leaflets and things they don't have funds for. Marge said she will get in touch with JIM (FOREST). Pauline said that Jim won't get down there (OR HQ) until noon, and Marge agreed, saying she won't call him now anyway, but will wait until later. Marge said she is going to stay home today, and that MARGARET (BUSH WILSON) and MASS (BILL MASSINGALE) are the only ones she is interested in. They then discussed how they thought a lot of the votes were stolen because they didn't have any watchers. RLF

Wednesday 12:25PM CC
11/3/48

PAULINE MURPHY to PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

Pauline asked woman if they had any returns on MARGARET (BUSH WILSON) and MASS (BILL MASSINGALE). Woman said they don't have a thing, all they know is that if there had been a decent showing, they would have known by now. RIF

2:50PM IC

(KOVAN LONG) to AL MURPHY - Kovan is going to pick Al up in the next thirty minutes, on his way down to the "club." RLF

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H. C. FORD
P. E. ALISON

Tuesday
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10:12AM IG (LYNN LOMB) to LOUISE MOSKIE.

Lynn asked how Louise felt and Louise said OK. Louise asked how Lynn was and Lynn said "pretty blue." Lynn said she got out yesterday and went down to LAIR (WILL BRIDGEMAN) place, and wore a light coat and almost froze. Louise asked what Lynn did with the baby and Lynn said she left him with Mrs. JACOBIN. Lynn said GILBERT (LORRIS) sat up until midnight listening to the returns. Louise said the fellows (JOHN ROBERT and JIM ROBERT) sat up until about 1AM listening to the returns. RLF

11:16AM IG JIM ROBERT to RAY ROBERT at UP HQ.

Jim said he was up most of the night and probably won't be down to the office until about the middle of the afternoon. Jim asked what the latest report is locally and Ray said there have been no reports, he is waiting to get a newspaper. Jim said he is curious about the LITH LITHGOW DISTRICT and the LITH LITHGOW DISTRICT. Ray said several of their people have been in to the office, they're strongly urging to get our attention. Ray asked if anything is scheduled and Jim said not until later in the week, they probably do need to get together and he will see Ray later on that. Ray said Jim's brother regular monthly check is in and Jim said that will be a help. RLF

1:55PM IG COL MASON to LOU (LORRIS) at BRAD. GARDEN PART HQ.

Col asked if LOU knows what LORRIS (LORRIS) was and LOU said he hasn't been able to find out a thing yet. Col asked if RIT (NATHANIEL BRIDGEMAN) and LOU will be at the office for a while. LOU said yes and Col said he will be there in about a half hour. RLF

2:30PM IG COL (LORRIS) to ANN (BRIDGEMAN) at 4751, 66th Avenue Road.

Col asked if it is OK for him to drop by now. ANN asked if Col is by himself - no. ANN asked where Col is and Col said at home. ANN asked how long it will take. Col said about 25 minutes, saying they will come by car. ANN said what is punching him, RAY (LORRIS) is out there, but he will take her into Clayton and cut her in a cab. ANN started giving directions how to get to his house and someone in the background told Col he knows how to get there, and Col told ANN the house how to get there. RLF

2:22PM IG COL MASON to RIT (BRIDGEMAN) at P. COLLECTIVE PART. - Col is in

RIT he won't be over there for a couple of hours, but will be there for the 5:30 meeting. RIT said well. RLF

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L. G. CHILMAN
Z. L. GILLEN

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Thursday
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11:55AM 37 11:55AM to 11:57 (GUTH) at CH 6079.

Largo asked what Mary was doing. Mary said she was busy cleaning house. Largo asked what happened the other day over there (WITH L. BILLY DISTRICT); she said the woman (MRS. EDNA L. JONES) called there and a woman answered the phone, and so she, Mrs. Hunsingale, left her work and took a cab over to the place. When she got there the place was locked up. Mary said she thought maybe it was Largo who answered the phone but Largo said she stayed home all day yesterday. Mary said it was probably MARY (GUTH) and it was a good thing the place was closed when she got there because Mrs. Hunsingale was very excited.

11:57

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11:56AM to Mrs. (HARRY) BROWN at MI 8216, 901 N. Garden.

Mrs. Draper asked who was calling. Largo said "This is Largo at the office of Grand." Mrs. Draper asked where on Grand and Largo said 1041. Largo said they want to know about renting the hall. Draper asked what for and Largo said for a meeting. Draper told Largo to call back around 4:30.

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3:50PM to MARY BROWN for 103, 1111 N. 11th. Mary said he was trying to find out if the hall was from Monday night. Mary said he wouldn't know; said she keeps all the books, you had better call her back. Mary asked what time. Mary said she should be in by 8, but he could call anytime between now and then and he might find her in; said didn't MARY (GUTH) talk to her already. Mary said, yes, she did but she told her to call back at 4:30 and he's anxious to know. Mary said for Mary to call back. OK, thanks.

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4:20PM to JIM TERRY. Ralph said he was just stopping between trains. Jim asked him if he could get up to see him. Ralph said he would check the train time and give him a call; said he wanted Jim to give him the address of Bill BART in Philadelphia. Jim left the phone box to get the information and gave it to Ralph as follows: 230 N. Broad, Philadelphia 2. Ralph asked Jim what he heard from Calif. Jim said the two of them were still out and the others may get out on bail but he didn't know that for sure. Ralph said that was what he heard from JIM BROWN. In New York; said how did the election come out? Jim asked him if he meant the local. Ralph said, yes, how about (MARGARET BROWN) WILSON? Jim said she got about 1800. Ralph said, "BILL (MARGARET) didn't have a chance did he?" Jim said, "No, not a chance". Ralph asked Jim how long he was going to be there. Jim said he would be there about an hour. Ralph said he would see about getting a later train and stay over a few hours; said he had a couple of things he would like to do;

Thursday
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MEMO, SAC

November 5, 1948
St. Louis, Missouri

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following leaflets were received by the writer from [redacted] on October 22, 1948:

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Green leaflet for Massingale showing endorsement by JIM FORREST as Chairman of the Communist Party.

Leaflet on orange paper entitled, "Corporations Offer to Protect Workers" issued by the Communist Party of Missouri.

These leaflets were received by informant on October 12, 1948 at a meeting of members of the Communist Party at 901 Garrison, St. Louis, Missouri.

Leaflet "All Out to Massingale Trial, 9 AM Thursday, October 14" issued by the 11th Legislative District of the Progressive Party of Missouri

MARGARET B. WILSON and WILLIAM MASSINGALE petition against slum clearance

Leaflet urging Robeson meeting, October 15, 1948

Leaflet entitled, "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Housing" issued by the 11th Legislative District of the Progressive Party of Missouri

These pamphlets were received at Massingale's home by informant.

All are being made exhibits in 100-8050 with the exception of the leaflet "Corporations Offer to Protect Workers" which is being made an exhibit in 100-7954.

HAROLD R. DOBSON
Special Agent

HRD:mlm
100-8050

CC 100-8043- MARGARET B. WILSON
100-351- WILLIAM MASSINGALE
100-6824- JIM FORREST
100-7789- POLITICAL ACTIVITY

100-7954 - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES
62-1707A

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November 5, 1948
St. Louis, Missouri

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On September 30, 1948 the following literature relating to the Progressive Party of Missouri, was received from [redacted]. He had received same through the U. S. Mails on numerous dates, the envelopes showing postmarks are included in the exhibit where possible. The literature is being made an exhibit in 100-8050.

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Letter dated September 2, 1948 on Progressive Party letterhead, addressed to "Dear Friend" and containing a leaflet entitled, "Political Murder is Being Committed."

Letter dated August 12, 1948 on Progressive Party letterhead directed to "Dear Minister Friend" and signed by ROSA BROWN BRACY

Letter dated September 17, 1948 on Progressive Party of Missouri letterhead addressed to the "Ministers of Metropolitan St. Louis" and signed by ROSA BROWN BRACY

Letter dated September 23, 1948 addressed to "Dear Friend" on Progressive Party letterhead, regarding an invitation to meet Henry Wallace at the Claridge Hotel, and signed by ROSA BROWN BRACY.

HAROLD R. DOBSON
Special Agent

HRD:mlm
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CC - 100-8043 - MARGARET BUSH WILSON ✓
100-351 - WILLIAM MASSINGALE
100-8138 - HENRY DRAPER
100-7822 - ROSA BROWN BRACY
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MEMO: SAC

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
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The following report dated September 30, 1948 was received from Confidential Informant [redacted] the original of this report is being filed in 62-1641A and the duplicate copy is to be considered part of the original memorandum and filed immediately beneath it in 100-8050. The duplicate report should not be marked, mutilated or serialized.

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"9-25-48"

"Belton, Cooper Wm., Chinnichi Sam, Derman Sol, Evans Lee W., Edsell Howard, Forest Jim, Hoffman Wm., Kimmel Lou, Lutz Ronald & Mrs., Londe Dr. J., Massingale Wm., Musil Helen, Manewitz Esther, MacLeod Carolyn, Moore James, Roy Caesar, Smith James, St. Clair John, Sage James & Dottie A., Tramel Alex. Waxman Elliott & Loretta, Walker Herschel.

"Attended meeting for Wallace at Kiel Auditorium at 8 P.M. Jim Forest was selling "Workers" in front of the hall & I stopped & spoke to him a few minutes. He was quite enthused because he sold several papers while I stood there with him. Helen Musil was selling "Workers" halfway up the steps. Tramel was selling in front of the door.

"I sat in the balcony which was pretty well filled by the time the speaking began. Before the speaking a man with a guitar was singing & asking the audience to join in. The songs he sang were from a song sheet published for the Yankee Stadium rally by the American Labor Party of New York.

"The first speaker was Logsdon, candidate for Governor. Then Margaret Bush Wilson candidate for Congress spoke. Their speeches were delivered in a humdrum manner which might impress a jury in a courtroom, but will hardly remain on anyone's mind until Nov. 2nd. The other candidates on the ticket were introduced & took a bow. Massingale, as the only incumbent, was allowed to say a few words. Doug MacLeod was not present to take a bow. Margaret Bush Wilson's speech covered the needs of the people for housing, lower cost of living & fair employment practices.

"William Gailmore of New York who made the collection talk, was the only speaker who had a spark of life in his talk. He started out with

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the announcement of a \$500 anonymous donation. An Armenian group contributed \$300.00 & several others gave sums in excess of \$100.00.

"Wallace's speech opened up with an attack on Pres. Truman's administration. He pointed out that Truman denounces Wall St. & Wallace named representatives of Big Business who contributed to both old parties, naming the firm & the contributor to the Republican & Democratic Parties respectively, indicating that there is no difference between them. He also said that of about 125 appointments of civilians Truman did not appoint 1 man from Labor, Teachers or independent business men. All are representatives of Big Business or Big Brass. He said neither the 79th nor 80th Congress had done anything to promote housing for the lower income brackets. Both old parties promise what they will do about "Jim Crow", but their past records prove their insincerity.

"Wallace promised that the Progressive Party would fight for better housing, lower living costs & civil rights not only before the election, but would continue the fight after Nov. 2nd. The Progressive Party is a new party not only for their campaign, it has a program which must be carried out eventually if the country is to live up to its promises."

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cc- 100-7789 100-6966
100-1439 100-7067
100-3263 100-3231
100-7657 100-5745
100-6967 100-6963
100-7146 100-7159
100-6824 100-6873
100-7523 100-6970
100-8 100-6809
100-5237 100-8043
100-420 100-6882
100-351 100-7782
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100-6903
100-595

The following names appearing in this report have been indexed:

Mrs. RONALD LUTZ
ROY CAESAR
WM. GILMORE
HENRY WALLACE

(report mentions "An Armenian group contributed \$300....")

St. Louis, Mo.
11-18-48

MEMO, SAC:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY
District 21
St. Louis, Missouri
Nineteenth Ward Club
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

[] gave the following statement on November 4, 1948. The original statement will be found in 62-1707A and the copies immediately beneath a copy of this memorandum in 100-4843-1236. The literature described in the statement has been placed in the 1-A file of 100-8050.

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"STATEMENT"

"November 4, 1948
"St. Louis, Missouri

"Informant [] was interviewed on the above date by Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON, Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time the following information was obtained:

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"There have been no regular meetings of the 19th Ward Club of the Communist Party for the past two weeks due to the concentration by all members of the party on the Progressive Party's ticket in the election just held, however, I have been to headquarters almost every day for the purpose of obtaining Progressive Party literature for distribution. Samples of literature obtained by me at Communist Party headquarters for distribution are herewith submitted to Agent DOBSON and are described as follows:

- "(1) Sample ballot entitled "Vote Against Phony Bond Issue"
- (2) Sample ballot in reduced size entitled "Vote for Margaret Bush Wilson" and illustrating how to vote the Progressive Party ticket. (These leaflets were obtained on November 2, 1948)
- (3) Pamphlet entitled "More Facts to Fight With" obtained 1, 1948.

"October 25, 1948-IRMA MANEWITZ, LOUISE ROSSEN, AL MURPHY and JIMMY COX and I distributed leaflets similar to the above as well as MASSINGALE's literature, up Cole Street from 18th to 22nd Street.

"Wednesday, October 26 - ANDREW WILSON and I along with a colored fellow from MASSINGALE's headquarters, whose name I do not know, distributed MASSINGALE's and Progressive Party literature at the Douglas Theater. On Monday, November 1, 1948 I assisted with work at a Progressive

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MEMO, SAC:

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Party Headquarters, Grand and Franklin, St. Louis, Missouri, from 2 to 5 p.m. On Tuesday morning, November 2, 1948 I arrived at the polls at 8 a.m. and distributed Progressive Party literature until 6 p.m.

"There will be a general meeting of the Communist Party, Saturday, November 6, 1948 at MARGE WILSON's home where a full report will be given as to the work done at the election.

"I certify that I have read the above foregoing statement and it is true according to my best knowledge."

HAROLD R. DOBSON, SA.

HRD:LEH
100-4843-1236

CC Progressive Party of Mo.- 100-8050
M. Wilson - 100-8043
I. Manewitz-100-6853
L. Rossen - 100-427
A. Murphy - 100-1238
J. Cox - 100-1542
W. Massingale-100-351

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St. Louis, Missouri
November 19, 1948

Re: [REDACTED]

PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] gave the following statement on October 7, 1948. The original statement will be found in 62-1707A and the copy should be filed immediately beneath a copy of this memorandum in 100-8050: b2 b7D

October 7, 1948

St. Louis, Missouri

Informant [REDACTED] was interviewed on the above date by Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON, Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he gave the following information: b2 b7D

"On October 6, 1948 I attended a meeting of the Progressive Party at Progressive Party Headquarters at Grand and Franklin, St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose of this meeting was to arrange a program for Senator GLENN TAYLOR, who is to speak in St. Louis the following Sunday. ROSA BROWN BRACY, HENRY BRAPER, MARGARET BUSH WILSON, a man named CANNON, who runs a Barbeque Stand on Franklin, and two white fellows whose names I do not know but whom I have seen working at the Progressive Party office several times, were there. One of these men is a member of the Communist Party as I have observed him at meetings of the party.

"It was decided at this meeting of the executive committee, of which I am a member, that TAYLOR would first have breakfast at WILLIAM MASSINGALE'S and would then proceed to the YMHA, St. Louis, Missouri, for a combined Progressive Party and Communist Party dinner between 12 and 2. After this he was to speak briefly at the meeting of the St. Louis Labor Committee for Wallace and Taylor and to the Better Business Men and Educators at Tanby Park in St. Louis, Missouri. He was then to go to Kiel Auditorium where he would speak that night. Our main purpose in meeting was to urge people to attend the meeting in Tanby Park which up to that date was unorganized. We were given leaflets and tickets to the speaking which we were to distribute free to all who would take them. I left this meeting at about 12:45 p.m.

"On Tuesday, October 5, there was no meeting of the 19th Ward Club of the Communist Party in St. Louis, inasmuch as MARGE WILSON forgot to mail notices of the meeting to the members. I went up to headquarters expecting

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to attend the meeting but found only MARGE WILSON, ANDY WILSON and LOUIS HOLZAPFEL there. I talked with them a few moments and then left."

"I certify that i have read the above foregoing statement and it is true according to my best knowledge.

WITNESSED:

HAROLD R. DOBSON, SA, FBI, St. Louis
November 7, 1948

HAROLD R. DOBSON, SA

HRD:woc

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cc 100-8290 - St. Louis Labor Committee
100-4843-1236 - 19th Ward Club
100-7822 - R. B. BRACY
100-8138 - H. DRAPER
100-8043 - M. B. WILSON
100-351 - W. MASSINGALE
100-8105 - C. CANNON
100-7937 - M. WILSON
100-7968 - A. WILSON
100-7997 - L. HOLZAPFEL

MEMO, SAC:

St. Louis, Missouri
November 19, 1948

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

[] gave the following statement on October 12, 1948, concerning a meeting on October 10, 1948. The original is filed in 62-1707A and a copy should be filed immediately beneath a copy of this memorandum in 100-8050: b2 b7D

October 12, 1948
Saint Louis, Missouri

"Informant [] was interviewed on the above date by Special Agent Harold R. Dobson of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at which time he gave the following information: b2 b7D

"On Sunday, October 10, 1948, I distributed cards and leaflets regarding the appearance of Senator GLEN TAYLOR in St. Louis. I received them from Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy at her home. I was out about two and one-half hours and distributed between 700 and 800 leaflets. At 2:00 P.M. I went to the YMHA At Union and Delmar Avenues, St. Louis, Missouri, where Senator Taylor was supposed to appear. Approximately 52 people, most of which were white, were there when I arrived. The meeting was actually a luncheon and coffee and pancakes were served. Taylor arrived at approximately 3:00 P.M. and was immediately brought to the head of the table. He said that he was happy to meet the youth of the Progressive Party of Missouri and said they were doing a great job. He, his wife and boys sang two songs after which he asked if there were any questions. One question was asked as to what the members of the Progressive Party should do in the event he and Wallace were not elected this year. He said that it would merely be an incentive for us to organize better, work harder and get our precinct captains trained for the next election. He said that the Party stood for the progressive way of life and that the Republican and Democratic parties had to die. He said those parties were the purveyors of lies and the bulwark of capitalist enslavement. He said that our forefathers hardly bettered themselves in the transition from slave chains to the position of slaves without chains. He said it was the job of youth to abolish white supremacy and fascism where a progressive world of peace would exist. He mentioned a meeting in Denver, Colorado, in which some of the younger fascist elements tried to stir up violence but that opposition ceased when they saw that he was determined to go on with the meeting. He said that he had received assurance of the vote and from many people who were afraid publicly to announce themselves in favor of the Wallace - Taylor ticket. He left soon after this as did most of the crowd. The crowd had increased to approximately 65 people by the time he concluded his remarks. The only

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persons I recognized there were Rosa Brown Bracy, Margaret Bush Wilson, William Massingale and a colored girl named Bertha, whose last name I do not know but who is chairman of the Youth Section of the Progressive Party of Missouri."

"I certify that I have read the above and foregoing statement and that it is true to the best of my knowledge.

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HAROLD R. DOBSON, SA

cc 100-7822 - ROSA B. BRACY
100-8043 - M. B. WILSON
100-351 - W. MASSINGALE
100-7791 - Negro Question

The following names are being indexed:

BERTHA and GLEN TAYLOR

Saint Louis, Missouri
November 22, 1948

Memo, SAC:

Re: Progressive Party of Missouri
Internal Security - C

The original report is being filed 62-1991A and the duplicate report from Informant [redacted] received personally on October 4, 1948 should be filed immediately beneath the copy of this memorandum. b2 b7D

"Henry Wallace Rally"

"Place - Opera House of Kiel Auditorium"

"Date - September 25th, 1948"

"Time - 8 PM"

"This rally was originally scheduled to be held in the Convention Hall. Only 1800 tickets were sold and some were given away to low income groups so that they would be able to hear Mr. Wallace."

"I arrived late for the rally as I had spent several hours at the luncheon. Mr. Gilmore was just beginning to fleece the group when I slid into a seat on the back row next to Ray Koch. I looked around to see who was who at this meeting. The same old crowd. I had seen Bill Sentner in the lobby talking to several men. Art Cohn and wife and several familiar faces from the UOPWU were near me. Virginia Spence and Lloyd Thompson who had come for the affair were down near the front of the hall. Kit Shryver and Margaret B. Wilson were on the stage to gather in the money. The checks, pledges, cash that had been donated at the luncheon were trotted up the aisle and presented again. This was to encourage the crowd to give. There were several donations. The UOPWU gave \$51. Ann Cohn and several other members did the hall and contacted all members for \$1. each. I gave a dollar."

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"After the money getting act was over some man appeared with a guitar and the crowd sang as he played the same old songs. After a few songs the gentleman was given a signal to stop. Mr. Wallace had arrived.

"Mr. Wallace walked out and gave us his same old line. Down with the Democrats and Republicans because they are tools of Wall Street. He read off names of men in Big Business who have been appointed to Government jobs. He commented that not one labor man, not one man of the people had been appointed to an important job in the Government under President Truman. He brought up again the racial question and the abuses that are committed against minority groups. He spoke of the hatred in the South against the Negro. The speech was cheered from time to time but there was not a great deal of enthusiasm. A year ago when Wallace spoke here about 7000 people went to hear him. Twelve months later the number was about 2000 at the most. The Negro was the minority group attending this meeting. I noticed more gentiles although the largest group were Jewish.

"It was 11:30 when the meeting broke up. I met Larry Christian and we came home together."

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100-5357
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100-7903
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The following names have been indexed:

GILLOUGH, ART KOHN, Mrs. ART KOHN, LLOYD THOMPSON, HELENY WALLACE and MARY CHRISTIAN.

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MEMO, SAC:

Re: *Margaret Ruth Wilson*

The information set out on the attached page was obtained on the date indicated from Confidential Informant [REDACTED] which is a technical surveillance. Any use of this information in a report or other communication must be so worded as to conceal the nature of its origin. The letters OG or IC preceding the conversation recorded indicate an outgoing or an incoming telephone call respectively. The initials at the end of each conversation indicate the Special Agent or Special Employee who monitored and recorded the conversation.

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11/26/48 9:21AM TO

ALVIN KARPIS to AL LERNER.

Daryl asked Al if ~~the~~ SCHMIDT is working now. Al said he didn't know. Daryl said he told Schmidt maybe he could use Schmidt when he wasn't working, and asked if Al knows how Daryl can get in touch with him. Al suggested Daryl call the H.H.U. (HARRISON HARRISON) and speak to FRANK (HARRISON) and tell her to have Tom get in touch with Daryl, because Al doesn't know Tom's daughter's number nor does he remember her name since she married. Al told Daryl to tell Paul she is, but not to discuss anything else except that. C.C.

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3:25PM TO

ALVIN KARPIS to PAULINE HURRY.

Long asked for Al (LERNER). Pauline said Al went out looking for work and hasn't called her yet today so he may be working. Royan asked Pauline to call Al that LARRY TAYLOR (ph) will be at the meeting tonight at the Pine Street 15 Long said CHAPMAN CHAPMAN is back in town and told Royan. Royan said he has asked for a special bodyguard for tonight. Pauline laughed and asked why Long needed a bodyguard. Royan, who paused for a moment, said in a rather dark tone, "You don't know BETTY MILLER (ph) and her gangsters, do you?" Pauline said no and asked if that was a man. Royan said no, it is a woman. Pauline asked if she is in the labor field and Royan said yes. Pauline said she will tell Al.

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11:58AM TO

ALVIN KARPIS to ROYAN KARPIS at 11-0702, Pine Street 1504. Al said he just got home and called him eight times. Royan said, "Hurry on down here". Al said he hadn't eaten yet. Royan said that was alright, he hadn't eaten himself. Al said, "Wait a minute, who's there?" Royan said, "LARRY TAYLOR (ph) here, LARRY (LERNER) (ph) here, and MARGARET (ph) here." Al asked if there were very many there for the meeting. Royan said there weren't many there yet but it wasn't 8:30 yet. Al said come on down. Al said I talked to () BILL (ph) in Chicago by long distance today and we were talking about you, we've got to talk this thing over. Al said he wasn't cleaned up or anything. Royan said, "Layton's here and KERRY MILLER (ph) is outside." Al asked what difference it made. Royan said "That's (LARRY) Layton's boss in this district." Al said that shouldn't make any difference. Royan said tell my don't you hurry on down here and we'll talk it over. Al said he would try his best to get down there but he didn't think he could get there until after 8:30. Royan said OK, but try and make it soon. OK, bye.

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KOVAN RING to PAULINE MURPHY for AL MURPHY. Pauline said Al was sound asleep. Kovan said to wake him up. Al came to the phone; said, what's the trouble. Kovan said, "You threw me down too." Al said no, no, he didn't throw him down; said what happened down there. Kovan said he had to call the meeting off. Al asked him why. Kovan said there weren't enough people there. Al asked who was there. Kovan said, "CHARLIE (CHAPMAN), MR. YOUNG, MISS EUGEN WILSON, and MR. WILSON; said not more than 6 or 7 people; said, my sisters were there; said I had an escort from home, down here and back. Al said "Escort?" Kovan said yes a police escort, protection for myself; said the commissioner and the Inspector admitted there must have been a leak somewhere and they found out I asked for an escort so LAYTON (MAYTON) didn't show up, that's what they were waiting for. Al asked who was waiting for Layton. Kovan said, "KITTY HALL(ph) and the rest of them, she's Layton's boss you know. Al said he knew that but what did he think they were going to do. Kovan said, "Block the meeting, of course, I knew that Layton wouldn't be there alone." Al said something would have to be done. Kovan said they were going to have the meeting tomorrow nite; said it would have been better if we held the meeting at the POLYTON CLUB, upstairs, even if it had been only Railroad workers. Al said they couldn't hold any mass meeting there; said we'll have to get together and change the whole situation; said he had a job now and didn't know how it would last so he couldn't make any promises. Kovan said he talked to () BELL(ph) by long distance and he said he wrote to Chappie 2 weeks ago and never got an answer yet; said the letter was in regard to opening an office here; said, the national office wants to open an office here; said we'll have to get together and answer that letter; said Chappie is guilty of negligence. Al said he had been a little bit negligent; said he never did hear from Chappie himself. Kovan said they would have to do something. Al said he would be home by 7 or 7:30 tomorrow nite. Kovan said for Al to call him when he got home tomorrow evening. Oh, bye.

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Friday 11/26/48

St. Louis, Missouri
November 29, 1948

MEMO:

RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY of MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By report dated September 25, 1948, Confidential Informant [] advised as follows, the duplicate copy of which is being filed in St. Louis file 100-8050 and the original in 62-1991A:

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"Henry Wallace Luncheon-

"Date September 25th, 1948.

"Time 1 P.M.

"Place Missouri Room Statler Hotel

"The luncheon began at one with about 100 guests-a few stragglers came in later. I was a few minutes late. Esther Baron escorted me to a front table with Mr. & Mrs. Bush (mother and father of Margaret B. Wilson). At this table was a Mrs. Manowitz. She was young and one whom I had not met. Mr. & Mrs. Propper were also there. Two other were opposite to me. I did not know them. I ate lunch and talked about everything but Henry Wallace to the Bushes. I was interested in how intelligent Negroes had gotten mixed up in the Progressive Party. Mrs. Bush said that years ago in St. Louis the Whites did not hate the Negro as now. She quoted the Bible about loving one another. She also said that she was not too enthusiastic about Margaret getting mixed in politics but the Party kept coming back after Margaret had said "no" so she was pulled into it.

"After lunch I looked over the speakers' Table- Henry Wallace was, of course, in the center with the flowers. On his left was the Reverend Charlie Wilson, who chaired the meeting. He spoke and said that at times he felt like a very tired liberal and wanted to crawl in a hole and die. However, he heard the voice that kept him from giving up. The VOICE is of course Henry Wallace. The Rev. Wilson turned the introducing of people at the table to Fannie Cook. She introduced Margaret B. Wilson, Bill Massengale, Bryan Martin, a filling station attendant who is running for some kind of a state job from the 9th District. Bob Logsdon could not come due to a previous engagement so his wife was there in his place. She smiled and looked bored. A man from

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out state who is running for a state job was introduced. His name is Cowan? and a sheet metal worker. A Negro by the name of Hutchison was at the speakers' table. He is running for State Congress. Others at the table were Rosa Brown Bracy, National Committeewoman for the Progressive Party and Dr. Rutledge and Sam Chinnici. Margaret B. Wilson gave a short speech. She said that she did not have anything prepared. Dr. Rutledge said a few words. He said that unlike the Rev. Wilson he was not a tired liberal. William Gilmore, news and radio commentator who travels with Wallace spoke. He, of course, wanted the money. He got about \$2000. Most of it was in cash. The first was \$500-one hundred dollar anonymous bills. Then came checks and pledges from \$25. up. Walter B. Simon--\$100. Armenian Progressive Club \$250. Dr. & Mrs. J. Cook \$125. Mr. Bush \$250. Bryan Martin \$100. etc. At one point of the fleecing a check for a donation which I believe was \$250. was sent up by a Miss Helen Yvanci (not certain of the spelling). Mr. Gilmore looked at the lady who had her back to me and said "Yugoslav". She said "yes". He said something in what he claimed was Yugoslav. The translation as given by Mr. Gilmore was "Death to Fascism-freedom for the people." He did not mention death to Communism??????????????

"W. Gilmore gave quite a pep take about his Jewish brethren. He is ashamed of some of them who will not follow the Progressive Party out of fear. He warned the Jews that to follow such a line would lead them to ash heaps as it led the Jews in Germany. At last Henry Wallace rose to speak. He was wildly cheered. He gave the audience the same old line. Wall street is the Devil all dressed. The political Parties (Democrats and Republicans) are to blame for all the trouble in the world. No one is sincere about abolishing Jim Crowism and stopping discrimination against a minority. He gave out his usual fuzzy fairy tales about the Soviet Union wanting peace and the United States plotting atomic warfare. He said that no more money should go into the Fascist Government of Greece and the rat holes of China -- he didn't mention the rat holes of the USSR. He quoted the Scripture and said that the Lord meant the Republicans and the Democratic sinners when he spoke of the Publicans and the Sinners. He became very tiresome and the crowd became restless. The Press was waiting. I went up to talk to Henry after the luncheon was over. He is uglier than his pictures. His eyes are small like snake eyes. He looks, tired, bored and somewhat worried.

"Those at the luncheon whom I knew and who have not been mentioned were; Abe Treiman, Esther Baron, Kit Shryver, Jack Becker, Reed Ross, Mrs. D. McLeod, Ruth Peters, Mary Christian, Mike Maconian, Mr. Reger who gave \$25. Julius Klyman of the P.D. who also gave \$25. Mrs. Thomas Hayes (colored). Sol Dernam came in but did not tarry long. The money collected was for the purpose of buying radio time for the candidates to speak. Several persons counted and guarded the cash so Sol left.

"In the lobby of the hotel I met Fannie Cook and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Howard. We talked for a few minutes and I took myself homeward wondering how good Americans could fall for such a line a Henry gives them. There were not over 15 Negroes in the crowd. Esther Baron said

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that 125 people were present- I estimated hundred as a good count. Charlie Wilson remarked that he noticed some familiar faces missing and he knew that many were afraid to come. Mrs. Bush commented to me that some of the money people were not present."

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The following names appearing in this report have been indexed:

Mr. & Mrs. _____ Propper
Henry Wallace
Mrs. J. T. Bush
Bryan Martin
Fern Logsdon
James Cowan
_____ Hutchinson
Wm. Gilmore
Armenian Progressive Club
Mary Christian
Mrs. Thomas Hayes
Mr. & Mrs. Howard

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Saint Louis, Missouri
December 2, 1948

Memo, SAC:

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.
INTERNAL SECURITY

The following signed statement furnished by [redacted] The original signed statement is being maintained in 62-1951A.

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"St. Louis, Missouri
August 16, 1948

"On August 15, 1948 I attended a General Mobilization of the St. Louis Section of the Communist Party at 1041A N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. Herschel Walker told me about the meeting and told me to be there. I arrived at 1041A N. Grand Blvd. at 10:00 AM. The meeting began at 10:30 AM with Ralph Shaw as Chairman. I knew the following people at this meeting: Jim Forest, Ralph Shaw, Ray Koch, Romey Hudson, Herschel Walker, Pearl Bernstein, Marge Wilson, LaVerne Rivers, Truman Leach, Clovis Malone and [redacted] Malone, his father, Clara Perkins, Hank Jennings, Ted [redacted], (white, 6' tall, 140-145 lbs, sandy hair, slender, talks a lot, 50 yrs.) I have been identifying this man as Doug MacLeod. Every time I have reported MacLeod it was really Ted [redacted]. Elliott Waxman, Bob Manewitz, his wife, his sister and his mother, (Clara Perkins told me that these three were Bob Manewitz's wife, sister and mother, but didn't mention their names) Steve [redacted], white fellow, Bruce [redacted], (I heard his name called and only got a glimpse of him.), Helen Musil, Zollie Carpenter, Marcel Smith, Del Astor, Howard Edsell, [redacted] Byers, Lou Kimmel, Louise [redacted], a white woman,

Wendell

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"Jim _____, a young white fellow, _____ Lewis, an elderly colored woman, John Rossen, A.A. Williams, R. B. Sales.

"I counted 63 persons in attendance.

"Ralph Shaw was chairman of the meeting. He opened with a short talk on the National Convention of the C.P. He said the convention did not endorse the President but went on record for Wallace. He said that all of the members of our National Executives Board are more determined than ever to carry on the fight for the liberation of our peoples from fascism and Jim-Crowism and reactionaries. Shaw said the spirit was very high and they are going to carry on regardless. Then he introduced Jim Forest as Chairman of the Communist Party of Missouri.

"Jim Forest made a short talk on mobilization of the CP forces to accomplish its work. He told how he helped to mobilize the forces in California which got a half million signatures. Forest said there were only nine more days and we must use every means possible to get the signatures necessary to put the Progressive Party on the ballot. He said that if the C.P. fails the Progressive party will fail.

"He also said that the full report from the National Convention would be made in the next month but not until the signature drive is over.

"Ralph then said that two members from this District were appointed by the National Convention. He mentioned Al Murphy as one, saying that he is now down in Southeast Missouri to get 1000 signatures. He mentioned the other person appointed but I didn't hear him.

"Jim then asked each member to report to the Progressive Party office on Grand & Franklin, the Saum Bldg., for assignments for Sunday at churches where there were speakers already on hand.

"Esther Manewitz announced that a farewell party would be given Ralph Shaw on August 27, 1948 at the Blue Room, 901 N. Garrison Ave. She also announced that Ralph is being transferred to the mining district for concentration work. The meeting adjourned at twelve noon. Most of all of the people went over to the Progressive Party office. I was exempted because of my job. Clara Perkins said that

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she wasn't going there because it would only waste time that she could use on the streets getting signatures. Jim Forest mentioned that so far they had about 15,000 signatures.

"I have read the above handwritten statement consisting of five pages and it is true to best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ _____

"Witness:

"Hugh M. Anderson, Special Agent, F.B.I., St. Louis, Mo. "

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61-109 R. SHAW
100-6824 J. FOREST
100-7186 R. KOCH
100-166 R. HUDSON
100-7888 P. BERNSTEIN
100-8043 M. WILSON ✓
100-7958 L. RIVERS
100-599 T. LEACH
100-8227 C. MALONE
100-7696 C. PERKINS
100-7987 H. JENNINGS
100-595 T. (MOORE)
100-7131 D. MAC LEOD
100-7159 E. WAXMAN
100-345 B. MANEWITZ
100-6853 I. MANEWITZ
100-206 E. MANEWITZ
100-208 F. MANEWITZ
100-7156 BRUCE (MILLER)

100-1943 H. MUSIL
100-13 Z. CARPENTER
100-7247 MARCEL SMITH
100-7093 DEL ASTOR
100-7146 H. EBSELL
62-1792 BYERS
100-8 L. KIMMEL
100-427 LOUISE (ROSSEN)
100-1068 (MARY) LEWIS
65-397 JOHN ROSSEN
100-7869 R. B. SCALES
100-7954 C. P. DOM. ADMIN.
100-7781 C. P. ORG.
100-7242 C. P. ADDRESSES
100-8050 P. P. M.
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MEMO, SAC:

Re:

Margaret Bush Wilson

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I said he was still in bed, that he goes to work at 11 AM and works late every night. Al asked what even is doing and Owen said he just got up and discharged a detail and that he is off until Saturday. I commented how easy Owen has it and Owen said "I'm afraid to go out of doors." Al said "I think you're being silly, you're just overdoing it, you got to get your nerves down to normal again." Owen said "If you think I'm lying, Al, I said I wasn't wrong; I wish you could come out and talk to me about it. The real one said no thing of Lillian and he is supposed to hold his job." Owen said local 354 is holding an election and they only have one man running for each office. Al said that is no election and maybe they should get some information on that and put out a leaflet. Al asked where else, Al said "It is and Owen said he is in San Francisco or Pittsburgh. Owen said he talked to ten men and they haven't even received a ballot. Al said right now is where they should stay in, this union is a fighting thing, you don't just sit idly by, you should put a leaflet out." Owen said this information came from a fellow who works on the beach, whose wife works in the office at 11 N. Jefferson, 4th floor, the same location as the Brotherhood. Owen explained that Charlie is out of town. So Al said and leaves all the work to Owen. I agreed and said that is bad organization, "In Chicago they really put the man on fire, they pull the pants off and let you see them naked." I again said they should put out a leaflet, so leaflets and the cheap propaganda. Owen said he talked to (X) (ph) out to said to call a meeting. I said not to drag the (X) (ph) into in on this, just the railroad guys. Owen said no, no, this is just a committee on the reorganization of the Union. Owen said just between him and Al, he doesn't think Charlie will be back in time for the meeting, but Al told Owen last night, Owen is wrong, don't bring any arguments up now. I agreed that was right. Owen asked Al to continue trying to contact (X) (ph) and Owen will also. Owen will also try to contact (X) (ph). Al said yes, to try to contact (X) (ph) because after all, he is still the president. Owen said "Do you think I'm being too precautionous." Al said yes. Owen said "You weren't there last night." Al said, defensively, that he worked too late. Al said they fired (X) (ph) where he worked, which is good for him in a way, but had in another place he had to work harder now. Al said he will get off about 7 tonight and will call Owen. Owen asked if Al knew (X) (ph). Al said yes, he is mixed up in union racketeering. Owen said he had trouble with (X) (ph) before, they cut me at 7th and Market, so I don't think I'm having any pipe dreams, and Lillian (X) (ph) was with them. He is with the International one, so I don't want to have my life snuffed out. Al said they should (X) (ph) it over the phone & will see him tonight.

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SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 2, 1948

MEMO, SAC:

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

WILLIAM S. WARFORD, new address, 1249a Blackstone, St. Louis, no phone, whose name must remain confidential, advised that on Friday night, November 19, 1948 he met one _____ DAVIS, a former member of the Executive Committee of YPCA, while on a bus. DAVIS told WARFORD that he was on his way to a meeting of people who had withdrawn from P.P.M. He said that two weeks before the election 40 members of P.P.M. including MARGARET BUSH WILSON withdrew. Now under the leadership of ANDREW PELLET, this group has been meeting to form a "liberal wing of the Democratic Party". DAVIS said that PELLET had said that he did not feel he was capable of leading the group and that he hoped someone else would be elected as chairman. DAVIS mentioned Mrs. ROSA BROWN BRACY as one of the members of this group. DAVIS said that all of these people are anti-Communist. He described P.P.M. as "just a shell".

WARFORD further stated that DAVIS mentioned that PELLET had said that he had talked to WARFORD and for this reason DAVIS was willing to talk to him. However, he was reluctant to go into any great detail. WARFORD noted that DAVIS got off the bus at Jefferson and Washington Avenues, and proceeded south on Jefferson Avenue. WARFORD was of the opinion that this meeting would not be held in a public place. WARFORD will keep in touch with PELLET for further information.

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Saint Louis, Missouri
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MEMO, SAC:

Re: P.P.M.
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The following report dated November 10, 1948, was received from Confidential Informant [redacted]. The original of this report is being filed in 62-1641A and the duplicate copy is to be considered a part of the original memorandum and filed herewith. The duplicate report should not be marked, mutilated or serialized.

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"Went to Police Court #2 at 9 A.M. to hear the case of WM. MASSINGALE & R. L. STANFORD on the sound truck charge.

"Present were BELTON, DERMAN SOL, MAC LEOD DOUGLAS, SMITH MARY, MILLER LAURA, MURPHY AL, MASSINGALE WM. STANFORD R. L. & EDNA.

"MAC LEOD was there defending a man from Brooklyn, named KATZ, who was fined \$5.00 for peace disturbance in a restaurant when he insisted that his Negro companion be served. The Negro was freed. MARGARET BUSH WILSON was also in this case. The 2 defendants were with the Wallace Caravan. After the cases were disposed of MAC LEOD left the courtroom without at anytime talking to any of the Communists present. MAC LEOD represents the Civil Rights Congress & is hiding his connection with the Party.

"MASSINGALE's case was heard in the afternoon & they were dismissed, since the alleged disturbance took place between 7 & 9 P.M. when the ordinance does not apply."

The following name appearing in this report has been indexed:
KATZ (Brooklyn, N.Y.).

Respectfully submitted,

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SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 6, 1948

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY
DISTRICT #21
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
19th Ward Club
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following statement concerning his attendance at a 19th Ward Club Social, November 6, 1948, was obtained from [redacted] on November 16, 1948. The original was signed on November 19, 1948. The original will be found in 62-1707A and the copy should be filed immediately beneath the copy of this memorandum in 100-4843-1236. Both should be considered as evidence and should not be marked or mutilated in any way. b2 b7D

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"St. Louis, Missouri
November 16, 1948. b2 b7D

"On November 16, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time the following information was obtained:

"On November 6, 1948, I attended a general meeting and social of the 19th Ward Club of the Communist Party, District 21, St. Louis, Missouri, at the home of ANDREW and MARGIE WILSON. I arrived there at approximately 8:20 p.m. and found, besides ANDREW and MARGIE WILSON, WILLIAM MASSINGALE and CORA, his wife and IRMA and BOB MANEVITZ already there. Later JIMMY COX, PEARL BERNSTEIN, GRACE DAY, LOUISE ROSSEN, AL and PAULINE MURPHY, together with an older man named JIM, whom I have described in previous reports, a young colored man and his wife whose first or last name is JAMES and a colored man and colored woman, whose names I did not get, arrived. The man and wife called JAMES above are colored and I gained the impression that they are close neighbors to MASSINGALES and are good friends of theirs. The man is a former GI.

"We played party games for a while after which I opened the formal part of the meeting with a report of my experience at the polls November 2, 1948, in which I mentioned the mistakes made by the Communist Party and the Progressive Party of Missouri in failing to elect MARGARET BUSH WILSON particularly, as

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well as the Progressive Party ticket. I stated that it was my opinion that we had failed to give the people enough information as to how to properly split their tickets as I had personally seen numerous persons whom I knew desired to vote for MARGARET BUSH WILSON, vote straight Democratic tickets due entirely to the fact that they did not know how to properly scratch their ballots.

"Then Mrs. MASSINGALE stated that the recent election amounted almost to a revolution in politics, as no one had ever given TRUMAN the slightest chance to win. She said it was her opinion that the people were unable to forget that the last depression occurred under the Republican administration and that she felt they failed to realize the circumstances which caused the depression were put in motion by previous Democratic administrations. She said further that the colored people were easily led; that they apparently lived only for the moment and worked only for food and lodging; and that anyone who would offer them food today would be followed by them. She stated that they were apparently incapable of taking a long-term view of any situation and preferred present meager benefits to the possibility of greater future benefits. She stated also that TRUMAN's "fanatic" Civil Rights Program had apparently been swallowed by a great many negroes which was also a huge contributing factor to his victory.

"PAULINE MURPHY then stated that TRUMAN should give WALLACE the credit for his victory due to the fact that WALLACE had pulled a considerable Republican vote; that he had been voted for by numerous negroes who normally would have voted Republican tickets. She said that several states, possibly enough to swing the election, would have gone Republican except for the WALLACE.

"BOB MANEWITZ then summarized the historic side of the political question. He mentioned that there were three political parties back in revolutionary days and that the revolution was mainly caused by the fact that the two ruling parties failed to fulfill their promises. He said the same situation exists today and that the Progressive Party is now the revolutionary party. It was not my impression that he intended the word "revolutionary" to mean a Communist Revolution by force or violence but rather a political revolution along the line mentioned by Mrs. MASSINGALE above. MANEWITZ further stated that the Republican Party had a long record of deceiving the people and that it was quite apparent they would never pull sufficient votes from now on to elect a presidential candidate. He said if the Democrats failed to carry out their promises, the people will renounce the Democratic Party and that it would be absolutely impossible for the Democratic Party to fulfill its promises. He said the people would easily see in as short a time as two years that neither of the old line parties was worthy of their support and that they would therefore swing to the Progressive Party. He said that WALLACE had actually not been defeated as he had expected to loose this election, but

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he had expected the Republicans rather than the Democrats to win. He said it was not on the WALLACE program to win this time but that WALLACE had doubled the amount of votes he had expected, which was sufficient to effectively prevent immediate war and would assure the Progressive Party remaining on the ballots of all states in which it was recognized. He said that between now and 1952, measures would be taken to assure the Progressive Party a place on the ballots of all states. He said the question was, Have We Gained or Lost as Communists by the Election? He said we had gained. The Republican Party is dead and the Democratic Party will die within the next two years. He said in the meantime, the Communist Party must work for the interests of the working people by putting over the ideology of WALLACE and the Progressive Party. We should start our organization now, block by block, choosing precinct captains, and organizing block units. He gave as an example that we should start at Grand Avenue and go to 5000 West for a starter. He said it was important that we keep in close contact with all political issues and that the block organization would allow us to gather a greater mass of people quicker for picketing and other demonstrations in protest against measures against the best interests of the workers and that these demonstrations would be good publicity for the Progressive Party and would gain it many supporters. He said it was the WALLACE program to be elected in 1952 and that if we organized correctly, the people would turn to WALLACE.

"At this time the colored man named JAMES, described above, who is not a member of the Communist Party, stated that he had been in the U. S. Army during World War II and that he spent some time in Russia. He said that he agreed with the Democratic administration and with the Republicans against the existence of a 3rd Party. He said that WALLACE should have known he could not have been elected and that he campaigned too long until his civil rights and other platforms made the people tired. JAMES said he was opposed to the Communist Party and the Progressive Party of Missouri because from his experience in Russia during the war he would not like to live in any country dominated by either Communists or the Progressive Party. He asked the question that if this country could do so well under Communist Party rule, why Europeans and Asiatics regard this country as heaven. PAULINE MURPHY answered by saying that the only people in Europe and Asia who regarded the United States as heaven were people who had never been here and who were also victims of capitalist propaganda. She said that if those people could come and could see the discrimination, class hatreds, inflation, poverty and rank capitalism here, they would want to go back to Europe and be under Communist control.

"BOB HANE TITZ then stated that there were no classes in Russia.

"To this JAMES stated that during the war he had been in Moscow, Murmansk, and in Vladovostok and that every time he had come in contact with Russians, he became involved in a fight. He regarded this as the worst kind of discrimination against negroes.

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"Old JIM, whose last name I do not know, but who has previously been described, answered this by saying he had been born in Vladovostok and had returned to Russia at least once since coming to this country and that the reason JAMES became involved in fights with Russians was because capitalist propaganda was to the effect that negroes in America were animals, not humans and were to be treated as such. He said the Russians probably expected him to behave as a wild beast and that they merely took precautionary measures to assure the preservation of their own safety. As a further argument that classes do not exist in Russia, Old JIM mentioned an important governmental official in Vladovostok whose name was also apparently known to JAMES. He stated that this officer had married an American negro woman. They had a son who received his early education in Vladovostok, after which he came to this country to school. After observing the existence of classes in this country and the discrimination between classes, the son immediately returned to Russia.

"At this point JAMES appeared almost convinced. He did not petition membership but stated that he would attend the next meetings.

"BOB MANEWTIZ then announced that a series of five Friday night educational lectures and movies would be held, beginning on November 12, 1948 and that we should attend these movies if it was at all possible as they would contain detailed information concerning the internal workings of Russia today. He said that tickets would be 65¢ apiece or \$2.55 for a season ticket to the entire five showings.

"At this point, the formal part of the meeting ended and the persons present participated in party games and the drinking of whiskey. I left at approximately 1:00 a.m."

"I certify that I have read the above foregoing statement and that it is true to the best of my knowledge.

Witnessed:

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Signature

HAROLD R. DOBSON, SA

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cc: 100-7968 - M. WILSON
100-7937 - M. WILSON
100-351 - W. MASSINGALE
100-8204 - C. MASSINGALE
100-345 - B. MANEWTIZ
100-6853 - I. MANEWTIZ

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cc: 100-1542 - J. COX
100-7888 - P. BERNSTEIN
100-192 - G. DAY
100-427 - L. ROSEN
100-1238 - A. MURPHY
100-7419 - P. MURPHY
100-8043 - M. B. WILSON ✓
100-7789 - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
100-7791 - NEGRO QUESTION
100-7498 - EDUCATION
100-8050 - PROGRESSIVE PARTY

Indexed JAMES and Old JIM

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Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
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[redacted] has furnished a four-page section of the October 24, 1948 edition of the "Worker", on page two of which there appears an article entitled, "Woman Seeks Congress Seat From Truman's Home State" by JEREMY SELDEN, dateline St. Louis, Missouri, and which deals with the candidacy of MARGARET BUSH WILSON for the U. S. Congress in the 11th District, of WILLIAM MASSINGALE for State Representative of Missouri in the 11th Legislative District, of HENRY DRAPER for State Legislature in the First District, and of WILLIAM HUTCHINSON for the State Legislature in the 17th Legislative District, all on the Progressive Party of Missouri ticket at the November 2, 1948 election.

Photographs of all four of these individuals appear on said page, which is filed as exhibit herein.

The article describes MARGARET BUSH WILSON as a 29-year-old negro attorney. It pointed out that her husband, ROBERT, is also an attorney and that they are co-authors of the Progressive Party-sponsored City Rent Control Ordinance which was passed in the St. Louis primary election August 2, 1948.

MASSINGALE is described as an "outstanding militant negro leader". He made "an outstanding record in the last legislature with his fight for FEPC and against segregation and discrimination in the state capitol".

HENRY DRAPER is described as a 36-year-old negro veteran of World War II and WILLIAM HUTCHINSON is described as a negro attorney and a veterans' leader who played an outstanding roll with MARGARET BUSH WILSON in the fight for the City Rent Control Ordinance.

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MEMO, SAC:

Re: *Margaret (Bush) Wilson*

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Tuesday 4:45 PM ON
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JOHN ROSSBY to ROSEMARY HANE-ITZ at Mine Hill, Dist 382. John asked if VAN (COP) was there. Father said no, he was out. John asked how things were going so far. She said she didn't know as BOB _____ was leaving today and wouldn't be back till Thursday, said she wouldn't know till then. John said to tell Van he would call him tomorrow morning or afternoon. HBT

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JIM FORST to (GLEN) at _____ Party NO 7029 for KIT STAYNER. She said that Kit had just left. Jim asked if she went home. She said Kit went to MARGARET WILSON's house as she had a meeting there at it. Jim said I see, goodbye. HBT

Tuesday
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Saint Louis, Missouri
December 17, 1948

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Re: MARGARET BUSH WILSON
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[] has furnished a campaign leaflet in connection with the candidacy of subject for Congress, 11th Congressional District, in the November 2, 1948, election on the Progressive Party ticket, which contains subject's photograph and which is filed as an exhibit herein.

The following names appear on this leaflet as being members of "Non-Parsisan Committee for Wilson": EVELYN MARIE ANDERSON, ROSE ARTHUR, MYRA BELL, BOWLES INEZ, ROSA BROWN BRACY, DR. W. C. BRIDGES, MRS. JAMES T. BUSH, C. R. CANNON, JAMES CARR, MURIEL CONNOR, CHESTER DANIEL, MAURINE DANIEL, MARY C. DREER, RUTH PAYNE FLOWERS, ALFRED FORD, LAFAYETTE FORD JR., THOMAS GATES, GARNETTA GRANBERRY, MILDRED GRANT, REV. T. E. HUNTLEY, RICHARD A. JACKSON, ADELE JAMES, DESMA JONES, ADA JORDAN, CHARLES LAMBERT, HATTIE LAMBERT, THERESA MICHEAUX, ESTHER MC MAHAN, JIMMIE MOORE, VIOLA PADEN MORRIS, ETHEL MAE RILEY, E. C. ROBINSON, H. D. ROBINSON, MARTHA ABERNATHY ROSS, ATRIL SMITH, MRS. MARGUERITE SMITH, DR. L. S. SUTER, LULA WARREN, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, EVELYN WATSON, RICHARD WILLIAMS, GERTRUDE YOUNG, HAROLD YOUNG and JEAN YOUNG. *indexed dlm*

All of the foregoing names have been indexed, with the exception of BRACY, BRIDGES, CARR, GATES and H. D. ROBINSON.

Copies of this memorandum have been channelized for their individual case files.

Respectfully submitted,

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Special Agent

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Re: 11th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE
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The following leaflets which have been received by [redacted] are being filed as exhibits herein:

Leaflet captioned "Register Now!" indicating that registration must be had before October 9, 1948 in order to vote in the November 2, 1948 election, which is issued by subject.

Leaflet entitled "It Happened One Year Ago!" dealing with the shooting of HENRY BLACK, a negro worker, by Patrolman HENRY REED and which urges a vote for WILLIAM MASSINGALE, as a vote against police brutality, which is issued by subject.

Leaflet captioned "To The Residents of the 8th Ward!" "Don't Be Fooled" which urges a vote against the proposed slum clearance bond issue, which is issued over the facsimile signatures of WILLIAM MASSINGALE, Representative, 11th State Legislative District, and HENRY DRAPER, candidate for State Representative, 10th Legislative District.

Leaflet entitled "All Out to Massingale Trial!"-- "9 A.M. Thu. Oct. 14th, Municipal Court No. 2" which reflects that WILLIAM MASSINGALE and his co-worker, RICHARD STANFORD, were arrested for using loudspeaker at 13th and Biddle Streets, which is issued by subject.

Leaflet announcing appearance of PAUL ROBESON of the 11th Legislative District, Progressive Party Hall, 818 N. 18th Street on October 15, 1948, which is issued over the facsimile signature of WILLIAM MASSINGALE, State Representative, 11th Legislative District.

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Sample ballot issued by subject indicating to Democrats, Republicans, and Progressives as to how they could vote for WILLIAM MASSINGALE and MARGARET BUSH WILSON in the November 2, 1948 election and which contains a photograph of MASSINGALE and WILSON.



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Wednesday 10:20AM 02
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JIM FORENOT to KIT SHIVELY at PROGRESSIVE PARTY office, RD 7929.
Jim asked how it went last night and Kit said it lasted late.
She said no one seemed to appreciate the terrific victory they
won at the Board of Aldermen, LOU (KIMMEL) mentioned it casually,
thinking it had already been discussed. She said Lou (Kimmel) came
late. Kit said there was a lot of solid stuff and she is just
getting out a release on it and also something "about a little
country called Spain." Jim said really, that is excellent, they
had an excellent meeting last night, quite a few in attendance,
"certain lessons learned, but encouraging." Jim said he wanted
to tell Kit he had carried out his assignment completely. Kit
laughed and said she was delighted. Jim said he suggests that
as far as that fellow on finances is concerned, he is all set.
Kit asked for the State. Jim asked if she said State and Kit
said yes. Jim said what he emphasized was that as far as the
work was concerned, the main bulk of it was with the county, but
the other was so routine that it was incidental, relatively to
the fact that the bulk of income comes through here. Kit said
she was sitting there last night praying somebody knew something
about that and nobody did, so they went and elected LOU PETERS
for the City (Treasurer). Jim said Oh, my God, how did that happen?
He said "This will throw the other guy off base again because he
is hard to keep clear on things." Kit said nobody conveyed this,
there wasn't a word about it. Jim said that's because the damned
guy (probably LOU KIMMEL) was late, that he didn't realize it was
coming up last night or he would have made a vigorous point of it.
Kit said the guy who was elected, (LOU PETERS) is not a money
man, he is an electrician. Jim asked how Peters happened to be
elected, if he just happened to be there. Kit said no, he was elected
to the State Committee in November at Jefferson City, that they
were looking for someone to accept it and finally settled on Peters.
Jim and Kit were very perturbed that it worked out this way and
Jim said he almost called Kit at MARGHERITA (BUSHMILLAN) last night.
Kit said when they came to Peters he said he had other work for
Kit and she told him no, that his work is through the committee and
whatever they work out is the thing. "By that time I figured
there had been enough time if anybody had been primed to come forward
and decided it hadn't been worked out." Jim said Oh, damn, damn.
Kit suggested they could say that the other guy was proposed a long
time ago and there are a thousand things for Peters to do, he will
be in the steering committee a week from last night, and Kit can
say she failed to follow through on the first guy and didn't realize
he was available for some work, and goodness knows he was the guy
to do it. Jim said the guy isn't very eager, but he is willing.
Jim said they might have him for the State and let him supervise
LOU (PETERS), "because I could have used my end of it too, which I
did," and if you will work OK. Jim said since Tom had taken the
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RE PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
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Original report filed in 62-1991a. Duplicate report filed herewith. Date of report and date of meeting December 6, 1948.

Furnished by "Progressive Party Membership Meeting --

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Place Italian Fraternal Hall - 626 N. Vandeventer

Date Monday, December 6th, 1948

Time 8 P.M.

"The meeting was called to order about 8:15 by James Carr, Chairman.

"There were between thirty and forty persons present - 10 Negroes. They were a crumy crowd of down and outers with a few exceptions. I looked around to see who I could see. I knew Mr. Reger, Mr. Draper, Mr. Miller, Howard Etzel, Fannie Goldberg, and several other faces were familiar. I thought of a defeated army returning home after the last battle in rags and dirt.

"Sol Derman was at the entrance with his tickets to the Spanish Rally. He distributed free tickets to anyone who would take them. He was most generous. He asked Mary Christian, with whom I had gone to the meeting, if we had seen his article in the Post Dispatch Friday regarding Spain. I had not seen it but Sol was very proud of himself. He had written a letter to the paper and it was ignored so he wrote the printed article to the editor. He seemed to think that he had won a victory.

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country). He showed how Truman was not elected by the people but the people voted against the Republicans. He showed how Henry Wallace forced Mr. Truman to put almost every progressive idea that Mr. Wallace had into the present Democratic platform. In fact, the Progressive Party won at every point except votes. It has awakened the people and it is the duty of every member of the Party to educate the people within the next two years -- At this point I looked at the crowd. Most of the Negroes were asleep and many of the others were bored but Sol talked on and on getting his bits of Red propaganda in very neatly. He did not mention Spain.

"Bob Logsdon arrived and was given the floor. Sol rushed up to the speakers' table and got the report that Bob was to read. In fact, Sol seems to be the custodian of all the little papers that belong to the Progressive Party. Kit seems to lean on him.

"The minutes that were read were from the ones that I had mimeographed last Saturday. I caught a few more items. When Bob Logsdon got to the resignation of Abe Treiman he remarked that Abe has moved to California. DeLacy was at that meeting. He suggested several points for the Progressive Party to consider - 1) fight Jim Crow laws 2) have the embargo on arms to Israel lifted 3) have Mr. Denham, head of NLRA fired as an enemy of labor.

"The short brownish Negro with glasses who came into the office at 4730a Page last Saturday is Mr. Lewis Peters from the 13th Congressional District.

"Massengale was at the State Committee Meeting. In fact to hear Bob Logsdon tell it hundreds of people were there. I wondered where all of the good comrades were at present. Massengale made several suggestion about discrimination.

"Logsdon gave a pep talk after reading the minutes. He went after the administration saying that the promises made were just campaign speeches. I wonder how he knows since Congress has not convened. However, a big depression is just around the corner as hundreds of men in the UE are being laid off. Prives are coming down due to overproduction. The paper says every day that the sales are below last years' sales. All of this points to inflation and unemployment unless the Government does something. He also brought out the fact that compromises on the Taft-Hartley Bill are being whispered. In fact, after Logsdon finished speaking one would think that everything is wrong and nothing right. He brought out the fact that at the CIO Convention in Portland the big union bosses jumped on the little Unions. They didn't dare jump on the big union like UE because

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UE would bark back. The little unions couldn't bark back etc., etc.

"After Logsdon sat down Mr. Carr announced that 15 minutes would be given to discussions. No one had anything to say. Those who were not asleep were bored and tired. However, one Dizzy Gal spoke out of place. She announced that James Carey of the CIO would speak in St. Louis at St. Louis U. auditorium next Sunday on Civil Rights. A pin could be heard after this announcement. I woke up. Fannie Goldberg asked under her breath "who is he?" Bob Logsdon whispered back with a lot of hatred "A scoundrel". Someone remarked that it would be interesting to go -- I got the idea that Jimmy Carey is going to be heckled?? ??????????

"Mrs. Louise Miller gave a talk about the Progressive Store at 3400 block Franklin -- She talked at length and murdered the English language at every word. She is a fat, dirty looking woman who looked as if she had just stepped out of an alley.

"The television set was on display. Draper, Miller, Etzel are in charge of selling tickets. Their goal is \$1000.00. They asked for volunteers and got none. The tickets are .75 each. I did not take any to sell but told Mr. Draper that I would think about it later as I was too busy at present. Miller gave a talk about the poverty of the Party. He drew a picture of the two workers who are giving their whole time for the good of the Cause and getting no pay. Something must be done if the Party is to survive. I bet there wasn't twenty dollars in the crowd and they certainly were not interested in the plight of the workers.

"A little short, middle aged man with glasses gave quite a talk about how many tickets for the television set he expected to see. This little man speaks every now and then at meetings. He works with Massengale and sells something to Negroes. He had a partner with him whom he introduced as an Hawaiian. He was a tall dark fello. I did not catch his name.

"Kit Shryver took the floor. She brought up all of the issues that We, the Progressive Party are going to fight. This includes every thing from running the Mayor on the rent control bill -- making the Aldermen release the money for this Rent Control to be put into effect.

"It was now 10:30 and the talking went on and on and it was the same old line. I asked Mary if she wanted to leave. She was agreeable so we came home. As we went out Lou Kimmel came up the stairs.

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"Margaret B. Wilson was there for a short time and left. She took no part in the meeting and sat alone. She smiled at me and several others.

"The whole thing looks like love's labor lost -- A handful of ignorant Negroes and Whites listening to a bunch of agitators who are trying to hold on to the tail end of the dying 3rd Party of Henry Wallace.

"Please add to Sol Derman's speech --

"Sol said that the fact that WE HOLD THE BALANCE OF POWER IN SIX STATES has been overlooked in this election. I believe the quotation from the Wall Street Journal referred to this fact rather than to the Marshall plan -- correct on page 3 of this report. He did not mention the states nor did he say who the We is --- Progressives or Commies ????????

"While Kit Shryver was raving on and on about what the Party is going to do she asked a certain Mrs. Perkins to come forward and read a resolution opposing a rise in street car fares. It was explained by Mr. Reger that the Company had paid one million and five hundred thousand dollars for the Public Service Co. The income is something like \$27,000,000 so the Company wants a percentage of the income and not income on their investment. Of course, this is how all big Corporations work so it was nothing new to the few intelligent persons present. The others slouched or slept on as they did not know what it was all about. This Perkins woman is the one who was at the Taylor Labor meeting at the DeSoto Hotel. She did a lot of talking for Lou Kimmel's gang. I judge that she is a member of the Wallace group from Wagner. The resolution was adopted by about three or four Is.

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MARY CHRISTIAN
LEWIS PETERS
MRS. LOUISE MILLER

December 20, 1948

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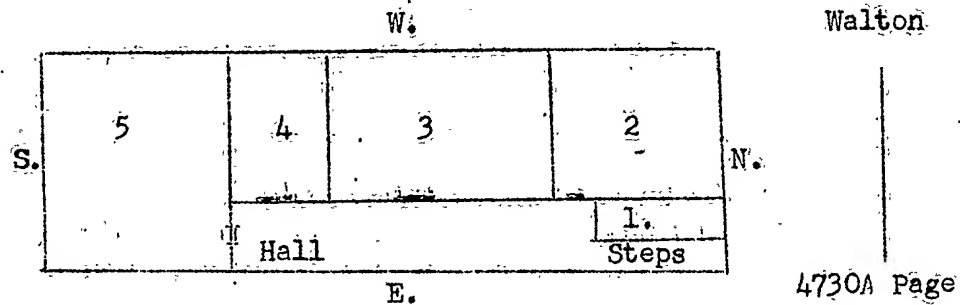
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"Here and There with the Progressive Party"

"Saturday morning, December 4th, at about 10:30 Kit Shryver called and asked if I could give a helping hand at the office. I told her that I would stop by later on. I arrived at the new headquarters, 4730a Page 9Cor of Walton & Page), at about 11:30 A.M. The new home of the Progressive Party consists of one small front room which is Kit's office and a larger back room where all of the "junk" of the Party has been dumped.

"Below is a drawing of the set-up.



- "1. Kit's office
2. Dr. Evans (colored) waiting-room
3. Dr. Evans' private office
4. Lavatory
5. General office for all activity of the Progressive Party.

"I told Kit that I thought she had a good place for reorganizing. She was alone but a young woman who answered to the name of "Mimi" was

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typing in the back office. She was introduced to me later as a Mrs. Erskine, the daughter of one Walter Simon. The Secretary Kathleen Hammond is ill. Kit was most gracious and asked me to sit down. She was in a chit-chat mood so I became very chatty. Reed Ross is going back to school and Kit does not know what Jack Becker's plans are. She told me that she had not been paid for several months but Jack and Reed took theirs. However, there are plans in the organizing stage to raise money for salaries and office expenses. Fifty persons are being sought who can pay ten dollars monthly. Bob Logsdon insists that this money be earmarked for two salaries - Kit and Kathleen - and rent of office and other office expenses. Other money will have to be raised by socials, membership drives etc., At present a television set is being raffled. A membership meeting will be held Monday night December 6th, 1948 in the Italian Fraternal Hall, Membership is one dollar. Friday night, Dec. 8th, 1948 Esther Baron will give a musical. Four members of the Symphony will play. This to be in Esther's home. I told Kit that I could not come as my school is having a Christmas tea on that evening. She said "Come out later for the drinks etc." Drinks are to be sold. I agreed to come after 10 P.M.

"I asked Kit just how WE are to reorganize. She said around several issues - Slum clearance, Street Car fare raises, Civil Rights which will include F.E.P.C. The County is bringing up the lack of facilities for mental patients. Attached is a letter which is being sent out. I asked Kit if Margaret B. Wilson was writing a real slum clearance Bill. She said "No" that Margaret is resting up from the campaign and the Progressive Party is not calling on her at present for anything ??????????

"Mrs. Erskine left at this point and I took over the type-writer. She was making a stencil of the minutes of the last meeting of the State Committee. Abe Treiman has resigned as Treas. It was agreed to cut the office force in half and the Executive Secretary (Kit) take over the state work which will be kept at a minimum. There was one interesting item that I typed - "Murray Kaufman will join Ann Kling's Committee for Civil Rights and F.E.P.C." The other resolutions were about the same as the issues told me by Kit. I did not finish the whole stencil so I do not know all that it contained. I shall try to get a copy later.

While I was typing a tall Jewish fellow called Sol came in. He was working for the Youbg Progressives. Then in walked Sol DERNAM -- (His name was mentioned in the minutes but I do not remember in just what connection). He looked like a tramp. I wondered why he was

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not dressed up. However, he had come to sort the "junk" and arrange things in the office. A short brownish Negro wearing glasses came in to do some wiring. His name is Lewis Petus and (see 12-6-48 report of S.L. 898) he is from the 13th Congressional District and was elected something in the party at the State Committee meeting. Sol and I had a few words. I pretended to be glad to see him. I told him confidently that the ASP is trying to pull away from the Progressives and we should be careful who is elected officers. Kit Shryver said that Carry Lopata, Secretary, had informed her that the ASP had not pulled away from the Progressive Party. I informed Kit that nothing was settled about where the ASP stood. To prove my statement I called Carry and she informed me that nothing would be done until after the National Convention which would be after the first of the year. Kit then said that the ASP may be very independent and very professional. Mr. Wallace had brought up this very point at the Chicago Convention. So the ASP is still up in mid air.

"Kit had not mentioned the Spanish Question when she told of the issues around which WE are organizing. Sol came to me and told me that he had some tickets for a movie. He gave me six tickets to a Movie "Blackade" which will be shown in the Italian Fraternal Hall. This will also include a Rally to decide how to free Spain. Enclosed is three tickets. The date of the Rally is Tuesday, December 14th, 1948. I assured Sol that I would be there as I thought we should get rid of Franco as there is no room in this world for DICTATORS** I meant all of them, too.

"Ruth Peters showed up. She lives with Kathleen and she wanted her salary for food. Kit gave her five dollars. Ruth sat around and talked. When we were alone. I said "Ruth, I thought you married your White admirer and left town." She laughed and said "He surely was a screw ball. He went to Washington and wrote me a letter asking for ten dollars. I answered the letter to tell him that I did not have ten dollars and the letter came back with the notation that he had left for N. Y. and did not leave a forwarding address." This was John Simpkins or Simmons????? /// We both laughed and agreed that in this old world there are a lot of screw balls.

"Lou Kimmel came in with a lot of mimeograph paper. He and Kit went in a huddle in the front office.

"It looks as if the same old Red and Pink gang is in charge.

"I left about 2 P.M. and told Kit that I would be back again to give her a helping hand. She will need someone to help check the new members after the Monday night membership meeting.

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"An incident occured while I was in the back room with Ruth. Sol came in and went over in the corner to talk to Ruth. He was talking about her living arrangements etc., I wondered why this was any of his business. When he got up he sat on Ruth's lap and put his arm (the good one) around her. I was so disgusted that I left soon afterwards. The Progressive Party is surely made up of the crummy of the crumbs as far as I can judge.

Submitted by,



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Mrs. "MIMI" ERSKINE (daughter of WALTER SIMON)

MURRAY KAUFMAN

LEWIS PETERS

CAROLINE LOPATA

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MEMO, SAC:

Re:

Margaret Ruth Wilson

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R. L. FOWLER

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12-10-48 2:15PM OG

JIM FOREST to KIT SHRYVER at home. Cordial greetings. Kit said she went to the Art Theatre last night to see "The October Man" with MARGARET (BUSH WILSON). Kit said, "I hope I get some support on my treatment of Margaret." Jim said, "You're doing fine." Kit said that she believed Margaret should not be pushed into activity. Jim said the "relationship" is what they are interested in now. Yes. Kit said she hinted to Margaret that "we" are hoping to get some support from the NAACP but "possibly won't with the election of the new man." Kit said Margaret suggested that possibly we were forgetting that her husband, BOB (WILSON) and mother were on the elective board." Jim said it sounded good. Kit said she was "terribly worried about ESTHER". She said Esther is "on edge all the time and it's difficult to get along with her." Jim was very sorry to hear. Kit said she called the doctor and suggested to him that he call on Esther but that he refused to do this, saying that Esther would have to call him. Kit said she is going now to the office, that there is "some work there which FANNIE cannot do." Kit commented that "this crisis with the Board of Aldermen, I am not in it." She then asked Jim if he had seen "CHARLIE WILSON's star piece." Jim commented "yeh" whereupon Kit laughed heartily and said she had never before heard such a short comment on anything. Jim made a date with Kit for 4:00 PM Sunday at her place. Jim is going to the Art Theatre tonight. Jim said that in the event Kit desires to contact him, she knows the manner. She was uncertain; Jim said, "you know, BILL _____ upstairs."

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12-10-48

Saint Louis, Missouri
January 4, 1949

MEMO, SAC:

RE: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following items, which have been received from [redacted]
and [redacted] as indicated, are filed as exhibits herein:

Orange colored folder announcing Halloween Party to be given by
subject at the home of Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED LANDESMAN, 4411 Westminster
Place, on October 30, 1948. (One copy from [redacted] and one copy from [redacted]
[redacted])

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Two copies of subject leaflet entitled "The True Story about the
Slum Clearance Phony". (One copy by [redacted] and one copy by [redacted])

Two copies of announcement of "Housewarming and Bundle Day" for
the Progressive Party, 3412 Franklin Ave., on October 23, 1948. This
leaflet urges that all contributions, such as clothing, jewelry, books,
toys, etc., be contributed and that same could be picked up by calling
EVERgreen 3895 (Listed to JOE ASTOR), 2732 Sample, and it further urges
that these items may be delivered to 3412 Franklin or that CABany 1154
be called for other store hours. This number is listed to RUTH & MARSTON
A. HAMLIN, Washington University. (One copy by [redacted] and one copy by [redacted]
[redacted])

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Two copies of subject letter dated October 20, 1948, under the
name of KATHERINE SHRYVER. (One copy by [redacted] and one copy by [redacted])

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Memorandum dated October 20, 1948, from subject headquarters to
members and friends. (One copy by [redacted] and one by [redacted])

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Memorandum on subject letterhead dated October 28, 1948, which con-
tains the officers of subject as follows: ROBERT B. LOGSDON, Chairman;
MARGARET WILSON, Vice-Chairman; BEBE BERENSON, Secretary; A. TREIMAN,
Treasurer; JOHN F. RUTLEDGE, National Committeeman; ROSA BROWN BRACY,
National Committeewoman; DAVID BAIL, MATHIAS CLARK, KENNETH HAAS, MAR-
GARET HARRIS, JULIUS JONES, LAWRENCE SCOTT and LINUS WAMPLER, Co-Chairmen.


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The names of the following have been indexed: BERENSON, BALL, CLARK, HAAS, HARRIS, JONES and SCOTT.

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Respectfully submitted,


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St. Louis, Missouri
January 27, 1949

MEMO, SAC:

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
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"Progressive Party Office- 4730a Page

"At 1 P.M. January 11, 1949 I went to the office of the Progressive Party. I had not been there since Christmas. I found KATHLEEN, The Secretary alone. She was getting ready to go out to lunch. KIT was out but was expected back any minute. I sat down in KIT's office and talked to KATHLEEN. I asked her what the Party was doing politically. In fact, I impressed on her that the object of my visit was to get in the midst of PP politics. She told me that the party expects to run someone for Mayor but the lucky person has not been selected as yet. However, they PP will run a candidate for the Board of Education. Three names are up for this job--ROSA BRACY, a Mr. DUGUID (Do-good) and WM. HUTCHISON who ran for State Representative in the last election. There is to be a party at MILLER's house in the County. On February 4th there will be a musical. Four members of the Symphony will give the recital at the home of Dr. SOL LONDE, 7320 Colgate.

"Tuesday night January 11th there is to be a meeting of the City Committee to discuss probable candidates. The meeting to be held in the basement of MARGARET WILSON's home, 4200 W Page. At this point KIT arrived. She greeted me with open arms. I was most welcome. We began to talk. KIT admitted that the financial status of the PP is bad, however, the liberals will carry on. Just before KIT came in I picked up the enclosed paper off of her desk and read it.

"KIT said that the Progressive Party had just about decided to run WM HUTCHISON for the Board of Education. He is the short baldheaded Negro who ran for State Representative. The reason that he is the choice is that he got more votes than any other candidate at the last election. HUTCHISON says that he has found something that will force the Board of Education to end discrimination. It must be in the new Constitution of Missouri the article relating to Education. This discrimination is one of the issues around which the Party will reorganize if HUTCHISON gets the job.

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"KIT said that the Party had been having demonstrations against the future bus fare raise. The demonstrations were held in Wellston and on Jefferson. KIT said that the fight against GERALD K. SMITH was on again. I suggested that he was just getting a lot of publicity and if ignored most people wouldn't even know that he is in town. KIT is in favor of exposing SMITH.

"I gave KIT a few dollars' donation. She beamed and asked if I could possibly serve on the Election Committee. This Committee meets each Wednesday night at the Progressive Party Office. The object is to pick candidates to run on the PP ticket and to decide who the Party will support on other tickets. I told her that I would think about it as I am very busy at school. However, I promised to dash out from time to time after school and give her a helping hand."

The following names appearing in this report are being indexed:

Mr. DUIGUID (phonetic)
WILLIAM HUTCHISON
Mr. and Mrs. MAURICE MILLER

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7:34PM OG

JIM FOREST to SOL DE LUAN for KIT (SHRYVER). Sol said she wasn't in, suggested Jim call the "other place". Jim said do you think I should, alright.

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7:35PM OG

JIM FOREST to KIT SHRYVER at DE 1338, listed to Dr. MICHAEL E. BARN, 1246 (heret. (Upon Kit recognizing Jim's voice she said Hmmm, Jim responded in like manner). Kit said what I came for has been called off so I'm going down to hear MARGARET (BUSH WILSON) speak at Sumner High Graduation. Jim said when am I to see you, I want to hear all about it; any suggestions? Kit said yes, a late one; this (Graduation) can't last very long, the kids have to get home and to bed. Jim said I'll be tied up till 10 anyway but I'll get there as quickly as I can. HPM

7:55PM OG

DAVID (ERUND) to FRANCIS _____ at East 1017, listed to _____ David told Francis he had filled out the form for the State (accident form) but didn't notice till he got through that it was supposed to be printed. Francis said he didn't think that would make any difference, said don't send that in till I get that form, said I got a letter from them, they want more information on what Company covers the 1934 Ford, I sent it right back and told them he didn't have any; said you have a complicated case here, but don't worry about it, send that form you have filled out to me or drop by here and as soon as I hear from them I'll send the whole works into them; said the only thing I can tell you is don't drive anybody else's car if you can help it. David said if you can keep that fellow _____ AUSTIN stalled I'm happy. Francis said the biggest mistake you made was telling him that it was your fault. (Note- Francis evidently handling legal aspects of David's recent auto accident for him.) HPM

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1-29-49 9:15PM IC
Saturday

Unknown Female, a married school-teacher and student from out-of-town, to PAULINE MURPHY. General conversation re: schoolteaching and education. Pauline intends to go back to Lincoln University for further work on her Master's degree if she isn't placed in some school here for the second semester. Pauline said she didn't mind leaving here; she said AL MURPHY liked it better when she was away but that she believes he stays at home better than previously. Female said, "Well, your man lost, didn't he?" Pauline, "Who, Wallace?" Female, "No, the Carr Square man." Pauline, "Oh, (BILL) MASSINGALE, why, girl, the whole Progressive slate lost out--they didn't lose--that election was just taken away from them." Pauline further commented that Massingale didn't even get a "report" of votes cast for him and "girl, we know he got some." Pauline said MARGARET BUSH WILSON didn't get as many votes as were cast for her either. Pauline said if you want something, you must keep struggling for it. She said that "it was well understood in the Progressive Party that Wallace wouldn't win but the purpose of the Party was to push all these dirty parties out and make them come through with something." She laughed and said, "Truman had to tell a bunch of lies--he was scared--and he can't live up to them." HOK

SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI
MARCH 7, 1949

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Re: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS
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[] gave the following information on interview on the date mentioned which was later reduced to typewritten form and signed by him on January 21, 1949. The original is being filed in 62-1707a and copy should be filed immediately beneath copy of this memo in 100-7318. Both should be treated as evidence.

"St. Louis, Missouri
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"Informant [] was interviewed on the above date by Special Agent Harold R. Dobson of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time the following information was obtained:

"On January 14, 1948 I attended a meeting of the Civil Rights Congress held at the Italian Fraternal Hall held in St. Louis, Missouri. I arrived there at 8:20 p.m. and counted 69 people in attendance as of the time of my arrival. A great many more people came in after I arrived, however.

"The following persons known to me were present: Henry Draper; Cannon; Rosa Brown Bracy; Margaret Bush Wilson; Dr. and Mrs. Bridges; Mrs. Langford; Sol Derman; Robert Manewitz; Ray Koch; Lou Kimmel; Rev. Owen Whitfield and wife; Kathryn Schryver; John Rossen; Louise Rossen; Sam Dlugin; Herschel Walker and wife; Andy and Marge Wilson; William Sentner; Jimmy Cox; Romey Hudson; Pauline Murphy; Eliot Waxman; Loretta Waxman; Charlotte Grosberg;

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cc: 100-4843 - CP
100-8138 - H. DRAPER
100-8105 - C. CANNON
100-7822 - R. B. BRACY
100-8043 - M. B. WILSON
100-6986 - W. C. BRIDGES
100-8420 - Mrs. W. C. BRIDGES
100-6465 - E. LANGSDORF
100-7656 - S. DERMAN
100-345 - R. MANEWITZ
100-7186 - R. KOCH
100-8 - L. KIMMEL
100-1194 - Rev. O. WHITFIELD
100-6798 - R. SANDER
100-1543 - R. STANFORD
100-7959 - J. CARR

100-7908 - K. SCHRYVER
100-427 - L. ROSSEN
65-397 - J. ROSSEN
100-7892 - S. DLUGIN
100-6970 - H. WALKER
100-7968 - A. WILSON
100-7937 - M. WILSON
100-5357 - W. SENTNER
100-1542 - J. COX
100-166 - R. HUDSON
100-7419 - P. MURPHY
100-7159 - E. WAXMAN
100-6873 - L. WAXMAN
100-7827 - C. GROSBERG
100-6824 - J. FOREST
100-7521 - E. ATKINS
100-6531 - L. SANDERS LEVINE
100-7954 - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION
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Jim Forest; Elonzo Alkins; Lillian Sanders; Rose Sanders; Richard Stanford; John Carr; a colored woman named Bertha who formerly worked at Progressive Party headquarters; and Lil, a red-haired girl described in previous reports; and there were quite a few people from the youth, Jewish & Italian club present who were unknown to me.

Mrs. BRACY opened the meeting by stating that the purpose of the meeting was to lay the facts on the hearts and minds of the citizens as to the undertakings of the Civil Rights Congress and the problems it faced. She mentioned briefly the defeat of the Progressive Party of Missouri and that the campaign had been quite exhausting to some of the candidates. She said that the purpose of the meeting was to have some of the people we all know speak regarding the problems facing the citizens of this country today so we could decide what we are going to do about it and fight to have conditions changed. She said that we are highly dissatisfied with things as they are and that we intend to change things by standing on our rights and principles. She asked Kathryn Schryver to give a report on current events concerning civil rights.

Schryver spoke regarding brutal treatment of persons by members of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department. She said that Crumps "hysteria" machine had been overthrown and for the first time in the recent election and that the police officials were angry about it. She cited one case of a minister who had written letters to the press regarding police brutality in Memphis with the result that he was forced by the police to leave town. She said that this courageous minister had brought some light to the situation. She said that it is a well known fact that the Senators are working against the President's civil rights program and have so far refused to repeal the Taft-Hartley law. She said that we should send telegrams and petitions to Congress urging the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, passage of the Wagner Act, and the drafting of civil rights legislation.

She briefly called attention to the present drive on the part of the street car company to raise fares and said that the raise in price was not due to any salary raises given the transit company employees. She said that the matter of the increase was presently before a hearing commission and had not even been decided yet but that just the other day she noticed that the holes in the collection boxes on the busses had been enlarged so that pennies representing the extra fare could be inserted.

Cannon then spoke regarding the raising of the street car fare stating that it was hard for many people to pay the dime fare now charged. He said that it was the intention of the street car company to cut out Sunday and Holiday passes and that this would undoubtedly damage churches

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and the ministers because most people came to church of their own free will and if transportation to and from the church was too high they would stay home. He voiced the fear that the financial situation of the St. Louis churches might be seriously affected by the fare raise. He urged the persons present to circulate petitions protesting the fare raise and to speak to their ministers about denouncing the fare raise and cancelling of Sunday and holiday passes from their pulpits.

"At this point a white man whose name he did not catch, and who has introduced as the secretary of the Civil Rights Congress in the Kansas City headquarters, spoke concerning the objectives of the Civil Rights Congress. He said that we must organize to get things done with firm and staunch workers. He said that the Civil Rights program in this country had suffered a severe setback by the defeat of the Progressive Party of Missouri in the recent election but that we should not give up the battle because there was a chance of victory as long as people lived. He said that we who are interested in Civil Rights have a great task before us; that we should begin organizing for the next election now. We should organize in neighborhoods, street to street, block to block, and set up precinct captains and ward captains to get the people ready well in advance of election time. He said that the last election was not the only election and that as long as we vote there was a chance to win. He said that even if we were not interested in the candidates themselves, we have a job to do putting over a civil rights program.

"He said the constitution of this country contains enough legislation on civil rights if it were only enforced. He cited certain sections of the constitution as well as the preamble to the Declaration of Independence to the effect that "all men are created equal". He said that we as Americans are not satisfied with conditions as they now exist and that we will not accept a compromise civil rights bill. He said we should copyright the civil rights bill we want to prevent its being changed in any way.

"He said that Truman had not originated civil rights legislation; that such legislation had always been in the constitution of the United States but that it had not been within the heart of Wall Street to bring it to light. He said that the current interest in civil rights legislation should be credited to Henry Wallace and that Truman had given no attention to civil rights until Wallace started it.

"After this Henry Draper raised the collection asking first for \$50 and \$25 donations. It was announced that the collection amounted to \$136 but I know that more money was taken in after the announcement.

"Draper requested members and workers of the Civil Rights Congress to get circulars from the headquarters of the 11th legislative District Organization, 818 N. 18th Street, which used to be Massingale's headquarters.

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"At this point the formal meeting broke up and people started talking among themselves. During my attendance at the meeting there was no mention of the Communist Party leaders on trial in New York or of any delegation to Washington or New York in protest to the trials.

"The people finally broke up and went home at approximately 11:15 p.m."

"I certify that I have read the above and foregoing statement and it is true according to the best knowledge of my belief.

Witness

HRD 1-21-49 "

HAROLD R. DOBSON, SA

Indexed: BERTHA and LIL

MEMO, SAC

February 16, 1949
St. Louis, Missouri

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"Saturday morning, January 22nd, 1949 I went to the Progressive Party Office, 4630a Page. The only person there was a young Negro boy running off the enclosed masterpieces. I asked for Kit and was told that she was out of town. I noticed a brown overcoat hanging in Kit's office. It looked as if it might belong to Sol. I hung around and sure enough along he came all smiles and parked himself behind the desk. Kathleen, secretary came up the stairs and brought some work for Sol to O.K. before she mimeographed it. Kathleen said that she would return Monday to finish the work. I asked if she were leaving and she said "yes, today is my last working day, I am leaving town." I did not find out if shortage of funds is the reason for no secretary or if Kathleen is just tired of working for nothing.

"I sat down and began talking to Sol about conditions in the world. He asked if I had seen what was done to him in Jefferson City the day before. I answered "No." He produced the Post-Dispatch and told me about the hearings on the bus fare raise that seems to be a certainty. Sol took B. Mattingly apart because it seems that the lawyer told him that he would send him nothing when Sol asked for some report.

"Sol then called Margaret Bush Wilson to offer Kit's regrets that she could not be somewhere at a graduation where Margaret is to speak. Sol said that Kit was in Chicago at a meeting but he would gladly attend the graduations. I got the idea that Sol is trying to hold on to the Bush family. The big, black Negro who looks like he might belong in the Zoo came along. He grinned and asked Sol about some keys. He also said that he had some liquor in his car if we wanted a little drink. Sol was willing but I just don't drink.

"I gave Sol a bit of soft soap about his treatment in Jefferson City. After all, he is working hard for the rights of the people and to protect the people from the growing danger of Fascism in the U.S. In fact he told me that people could not understand why he hung hours about the Progressive Office with NO PAY. It is all love of the people's rights. He said that the trip to Jefferson City cost him \$15. out of his pocket???? He went with James Forst?????

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"I brought up the subject of the school by telling Sol that people just did not understand what he and others were doing but the school should enlighten many. I told him that I wanted to take the course on Marxism, but did not have a schedule, somewhere I put the one I had down - maybe in the Italian Hall etc., Sol said that he would get me one. I also pretended that I felt a bit backward about walking in and saying "here I am, how about registering in your school." He said to let him know when I registered and he would make it O.K. This was what I wanted so I shall call him the middle of the week.

"Kathleen came in again and Sol began mauling her--he always mauls the colored girls. When I began to leave he attempted to pull the same thing on me I stepped aside. He is a RAT of the first degree. I was furious but the telephone rang and he had to answer it. He said "I was talking to Jack and told him to send an attorney next time." I judged that someone called about the Jefferson City deal and "Jack" is probably Jack Becker.

"There is no doubt that Sol has taken over the office of the Progressive Party. He has O.K. all the typing of articles on several occasions when I have been present. He gives orders and directs the whole show--it is a very poor show at present.

"As I was leaving I asked Sol what the tuition is at the school. He said \$1. I said "\$1. a lesson," "Oh, no," he answered, "\$1. for the whole thing as it is not a money making project but one to educate the people." The teachers are not getting paid."


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Wednesday 513PM OG
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PAULINE MURPHY to MRS. () DISTRICT at (ph) at GO-3726,
listed to

Pauline asked Mrs. E. if she planned to come to the CRC party Friday nite. Mrs. E asked if that was the one to be held at MRS. (PAUL) LANDSMAN'S. Pauline said yes. Mrs. E said she didn't know; said she had been to Mrs. Landsman's before and she would like to go; said the best she could say was maybe. FEA

524PM OG

PAULINE MURPHY to MRS. () WILSON at JR-4324, listed to
(*Caroline Wilson*)

Pauline said she was calling in regard to reservations for the party Friday nite, sponsored by the CRC. Mrs. Wilson said she couldn't go; said she had another meeting to attend; said she had meetings every 2nd and 4th Friday in each month. Pauline asked if Mr. () WILSON would be coming. Mrs. Wilson said no. Pauline asked if MARGARET (BUSH WILSON) was there. Mrs. Wilson said they were getting ready to go out and Margaret was dressing. Pauline asked to have her call. Mrs. Wilson said wait a minute; asked Margaret; said Margaret wouldn't be going. OK, bye. FEA

527PM OG

PAULINE MURPHY to Unknown Man at LU-3885, for MISS (ROSA BROTH) BRACY, out of city. FEA

530PM OG

PAULINE MURPHY to Unknown Woman at LU-0626, listed to HENRY W. WHEELER, 4454 W. Belle Place, for Mr. OR MRS. (HENRY W.) WHEELER, NOT IN. FEA

Pauline told W. she would call later.

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April 15, 1949

The following five-page typewritten report dated March 10, 1949 was received from Confidential Informant [redacted]. The original of this report is being filed in 62-1991a and the duplicate copy is to be considered a part of the original memorandum and filed immediately beneath it in 100-8235. The duplicate report should not be marked, mutilated or serialized.

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"A.S.P. Meeting -

Time- 8 P.M.

Date Thursday, March 10th, 1949.

Place 7320 Colgate U. City (Home of Dr. Sol Londe).

"The meeting was opened at about 8:30 with only a small group, eleven in all counting Dr. Londe. Those known to me were Vera Wohl, Roy Wohl, Carrie Lopato, Mr. Reger, Dr. Londe, Addie Singer and Al Hamblin who acted as chairman. Marv Banks is out of town. There were two little Jew fellows who are I believe musicians. One is treasurer of A.S.P.

"Carrie was terribly disappointed with the crowd as 150 active members had been contacted and many had promised to be present. However, it was agreed that 7300 Colgate is a long distance for people to come.

"I arrive first and Al Hamblin opened the door for me. We sat and talked for awhile. I asked him who the St. Louis delegates to the convention would be. He said that it would have to be persons who could afford to go on their own money as ASP is broke. The ones who will probably go are Dr. Londe (certain), Mrs. Shapiro, a Mr. Kitter (?) and a newcomer at Washington U who sound like Cumins (?). During the meeting Al others to go. There were no volunteers except Dr. Londe.

"Al read a letter from National headquarters. This letter had the names of expected foreign delegates to the big convention in N.Y. March 25, 26 and 27. List attached. The letter also gave detailed plans for these delegates. They are to tour the U.S. in groups of 10. The Russian and probably the others will bring interpreters with them. St. Louis is to raise something like \$1500. or \$2000. for the expenses here. There will be a rally here on the night of April 10th. This rally will be in Kiel Auditorium Opera house with a switch to a small assembly

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hall if ticket selling is not too good. On Monday night, April, there will be a banquet followed by many little receptions held here and there for the scientists. This latter is still hanging in the air. Members will have to scout around and find persons interested in the sciences, arts and professions to put the welcome mat outside for these visitors. All agree that the greatest of all is Shostakovich. There is a priest on the list. I do not know just who will entertain him. During the discussion of who will do what, Vera Wohl suggested that organizations like the Ethical Society, Churches and professional groups be contacted and used as sponsors so that we can sell this plan to people. She said since so many people are afraid of Communists we must have a good sponsor-front like a church.

"Committees were formed. Vera Wohl is on the entertainment Committee. I believe Dr. Londe is on the Financial Committee. Carrie and myself went together on the telephone and mailing Committee. All will sell tickets. Roy Wohl and George (?) are to contact Virginia Spence and do the publicity. The plan to raise funds is to get organizations and individuals to give money. It will be turned back if the venture succeeds. Someone suggested that Failmor, the Wallace news comentator, be asked to come and help raise money. The treasurer gave his report. There is \$21.93 in the bank. However, \$27. was cleared at the spaghetti supper. No one knows where the money is but thinks Marv Banks has it. Roy Wohl laughed when \$1500. was given out as St. Louis' quota for these foreigners. George, the fat chubby fellow with glasses could not see why we raise money to pay expenses as the Governments of these people should pay the expenses. 'After all', he commented 'The Soviet is interested in peace and this is a peace conference so why doesn't the Soviet pay expenses of a man like Shostakovich?' Vera said that she thought the money would go to National ASP. The guests must stay at hotels and we are to make all arrangements.

"A.S.P. is to have weekly meetings. The next one will be Friday 18th at Marv Bank's home, 62-- Delmar. Reports of progress will then be given.

"The meeting broke up a little after ten o'clock. I came home with Mr. Reger. During the ASP meeting I had suggested Birdie

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Van Sickle as a committee of one to sell tickets. Mr. Reger said 'Do not contact her thru the Progressive Party.' I asked Mr. Reger why he said this and I got the story. It seems that several months ago Birdie and her blonde friend and Andre Pellet had a meeting with Mr. Reger and attempted to get him to go back to the Liberal Democrats. Reger declined. I asked about Jim Carr. The Progressive Party is about to lose him. He is going in the poultry business down near Commission Row and is quite busy. He was not at the last City Committee meeting which was held at Margaret Bush Wilson's home. The Wilsons are still cooperative but do not want to be bothered too much. The Progressive Party is surely losing. I asked Mr. Reger why so many of the 'old faithfuls' were disappearing. He answered that they had gotten the idea that the Communists were taking over. Birdie Van Sickle practically told him this. Virginia Spence was at the last City Committee meeting. She is not too active as her health is bad.

"This ASP pow-wow is to be very careful about identifying itself with the Progressive Party, so Carrie told me. She said that we must not even whisper the Progressive Party in connection with the ASP. Carrie also said we do not want to go thru the arguments that we went thru at one of the last meetings. It looks as if the ASP and PP. are about to fall out. Carrie asked me if I would ask Kit Shryver for the banquet list of the PP. I said 'Oh, yet I will call Kit.' There is trouble brewing between the two.

"When Al Hamblin was giving out the names of the foreign visitors he made a comment here and there. When he read the name of the delegate from Norway-Erlene Christensen (?) who is a geographer, he remarked 'How I would like to hear a man from Norway talk about Geography.' The whole bunch were interested in the Russians., especially Shostakovich. Addie suggested that Shostakovich doesn't even have a visa so we cannot advertise him. 'He'll get it 'was the comment.

"The only definite bit of information that we have is that 10 of the delegates will arrive in St. Louis on 4-10-49, and leave on Tuesday morning April 12th, 1949.

"We were given the attached circular calling us to the convention of the cultural and scientific conference for world peace.

Memo, SAC

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"The Ethical Society was mentioned several times. Al Hamblin has joined it lately. It seems as if this liberal group is making a play to use the Ethical Society as a respectable front."

Submitted by,

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Indexes; Vera Wohl.
Roy Wohl
Addie Singer
Mrs. Shapiro
Birdie Van Sikle
Andre Pelet

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MEMO, SAC:

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Re:

Thurgood Marshall

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Friday
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8:12AM IC

RAY KUCH to BESS BLUMIN.

Ray, calling from home, asked how things are. Bess said they are not well. She asked how long before he goes downtown. Ray said not until about 10 or a little after. Bess said she will call Ray back. OK. TLE

11:35AM IC

(DUG) DUG ACOB to BESS BLUMIN.

Doug said he wanted to tell Bess he is leaving town for New York, but he will be back Tuesday. She asked who is definitely coming (to meeting with WILLIAM J. PATTERSON on afternoon of June 8 at attorneys, at Doug's office). Doug said nobody is coming for sure, but he spoke to BEN (WILSON) and HENRIET (WILSON) and a lawyer on the other side. She asked if he spoke to (DUG) DUG ACOB. Doug said no, he didn't and he didn't speak to "MOTCH" (WILLIAM H. HUTCHINSON). Bess said she guesses she will have to call them. Bess asked "shall we go ahead with it at your office?" Doug said "sure, because I'll be back." Bess asked "what happened - something special?" Doug said yes, something sort of special. Bess said "well, give my regards to New York." Doug said yes, I'll do that. RLF

1:25PM CR

BESS BLUMIN to Unknown Female at SAM KADARIE's office. Bess asked if Sam is in. No. She left note for him to call her and said it was very important. HC

1:45PM CR

BESS BLUMIN to JIM KADARIE at home. Bess wanted to know if IRMA (KADARIE) was at home. No. Bess said, "Jim, will you have RY (KUCH)--I mean Irma call me when she comes in." She laughed at this point and made some remark to Jim that "you shouldn't have said that." Then they both laughed. RLF

Friday
6/3/49

2:05PM IC

RAY (DUG) to BESS BLUMIN at home. Ray told Bess he is in "downtown". He is worried and is afraid Bess will leave him. She said everything is all right. He told her he would see her after while. OK. RLF

3:05PM IC

IRMA KADARIE to BESS BLUMIN. - Irma said the dentist wants her to have her upper and lower back teeth pulled. Irma said she went to a confirmation this morning and Rabbi [redacted] made a very good delivery, and she thinks they should approach him on this (OK) thing. Bess said she is leaving town today at 5:30, so she couldn't do it. Bess said the regular places are covered. Irma said she and HENRI (WILSON) will try to cover all the places they can. Irma said "our little fellow might go, you know who I mean." Bess seemed very much surprised and asked if he showed up the other nite. Irma said yes and Bess said well, congratulations. Irma said they will do all they can. RLF

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Re:

Margaret Bush Wilson

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(continued from page 3; was drawn to the room at 66-6610.)
Boss said she talked to DOUGLAS (phonetic) and they planned a meeting with (WILLIAM L.) WILSON and a few of the lawyers; asked Sam if he knew anything about it. Sam said no; said he didn't own Doug. Boss said she got Doug last Wednesday night and they planned a meeting in Doug's office at 5:30 PM on Wednesday and Doug was to call some lawyers; said he called her later and told her he was on his way to New York and wouldn't be back until Tuesday; said anyway he only calls the people and I've got a list to call; said he called MARY ELIZABETH TIGON and her husband and JOE CLEMENT (phonetic) from the West Side. Sam said he had to make a living but he would try to help Boss. Boss said OK; said she had (MARTIN L.) MARTIN; said she called him and he would come; said she had (WILLIAM L.) WILSON. Sam said how about WILLIAM WILLIAMS. Boss said OK, would Sam call him. Sam said he would. Boss said she thought maybe MORRIS LEVIN would be contacted but she kept saying Sam should call him tomorrow for an extra push. Sam said he would do that. Boss said she had VICTOR PIGGON. Sam said he doubted if he would come but Boss could call him. Boss said she was going to call AL THOMAS (phonetic) RUSH and his partner () DUNCAN. Sam said she had AL HARRIS. Sam said he thought Harris would promise but probably wouldn't come. Boss asked about BILL WILLIAMS. Sam said he didn't know; said he would call him and () WILLIAMS. Boss said OK; said it's going to be this evening Wednesday at 5:30 at the office of DOUGLAS DOUGLAS, 722 Chestnut; asked Sam if he would be sure and call MORRIS LEVIN. Sam said he was sure that Morris would come if VICTOR (PAGGON) came. Boss said OK; said she had a lot of calls to make tonight; said the ministerial conference was at 1:30 on Wednesday and she would have to go right from there to the lawyers conference; said she didn't know what she would do if Doug didn't get back. Sam asked Boss if she could call him home and see if his wife had a key. Boss said she would try to do that if she couldn't get him tomorrow; said this ministerial conference is to be at the home of SAM () DUNCAN; said it's going to be OK. Sam said that was good; said he would call all those people. Boss said OK she would call Sam at home tomorrow evening. OK, bye.

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3. Was DELORME to (M.) CLAYTON ALLEN on 08-7037, listed to Lush and Dauguid, 3158 Chouteau.

Bess identified herself as Bess Martin of the CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER; said she supposed Rush had heard about WILLIAM L. PATTERSON coming here to speak next Wednesday. Rush said he knew about that. Bess said ROSEAL HAMILTON suggested she call and invite Rush to a conference between Patterson and a group of lawyers at 722 Chestnut, Rm. 615 at 330 PM Wed. Rush said he would be there if he could possibly make it. Bess asked about his partner MR. DILLON. Rush said call HO-4392 at 5 PM. FLA

Saint Louis, Missouri
December 1, 1949

MEMO, SAC:

Re: PROGRESSIVE PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following report dated November 10, 1949, was received from Confidential Informant [redacted]. The original of this report is being filed in 62-1991A, and the duplicate copy is to be considered a part of the original memorandum and filed immediately beneath it in 100-8050. The duplicate report should not be marked, mutilated, or serialized.

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"Progressive Party Meeting
"24th Ward

"TIME 8 P. M.

"PLACE 6301 Wade Ave (Roger Heffner Home)

"DATE Nov. 10th 1949

"I received a card announcing this meeting. Olga Lagemann also called me and asked if I would come to her house first for supper. Kit Shryver would be there. I went to Mrs. Lagemann's home at about 5:30 P.M. Kit Shryver arrived about 7 P.M.

"After eating we went over to the Heffner Home. A little later Lee Evans arrived. We paid our dues of .50 a month. I owed for three months.

"Kit Shryver gave a report on the Conference held in Jefferson City several Sundays ago. There were about 40 or 45 persons present, 23 from St. Louis, 3

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| CC: 100-6971 | - O. HEFFNER | 100-7657 | - S. DERMAN |
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| 100-8626 | - O. LAGEMANN | 100-9051 | - E. RICHARDSON |
| 100-7908 | - K. SHRYVER | 100-7178 | - V. SPENCE |
| 100-6967 | - L. EVANS | 100-8043 | - M. WILSON |
| 100-349 | - O. MASCHOFF | 100-8063 | - R. WILSON |
| 100-6809 | - B. LOGSDON | 100-6916 | - H. PERKINS |
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from Kansas City, 2 from somewhere in Kansas and some farmer from near Moberly. Otto Maschoff chaired the meeting as Bob Logsdon was busy in Evansville, Indiana. Kit said that she had spent three days going about in the State with Mary Christian (Mary has packed up bag and baggage and departed for Mexico.) Kit reported that more had been done outstate than she had expected. There are 400 readers of the National Guardian in Joplin, Mo. Springfield, Mo., has a nice progressive group. Some preacher from Moberly who is unemployed said that a group in that town is ready to organize. The three from Kansas City were a Mr. and Mrs. Phil Murray and a Professor of art from Kansas City University. Said Prof is new in Missouri. He has short grey hair that goes straight up and from the description he is a foreigner. Last summer he went to Hungary and was the representative of YPA at a youth rally in Budapest. According to Kit Shryver the man is terrific and has a story to tell. He never witnessed anything like that youth meeting. There were 200 representatives from the U.S.????? And Mr. Artist said that everyone felt sorry for the U.S. group. They were asked 'will the U.S. let you back in the country?'. 'Will you be put in jail for attending this meeting?' 'Will you lose your jobs?' The artist, to quote Kit Shryver, 'said that Hungary is a sample of how a free government can be organized in such a short time.

"Mr. Lee Evans was all hot and bothered about Msgr. Sheen. He said 'We are doing nothing and that Monsignor Sheen is taking everything.' Later in the evening he again brought up Monsignor Sheen. He referred to the articles by the Monsignor in the Post. He said that the Monsignor used a lot of high sounding words that nobody could understand and he got the people all tied in a knot just as he (Monsignor) is all tied in a knot. I wanted to laugh and I thought how the Monsignor would appreciate the honorable mention being given to him by the Progressive Party.

"I asked Kit why the conference in Jefferson City. It was to adopt the Cleveland Plan. I asked just what the Cleveland Plan means. It is an idea that the Progressive Party has that the U.S. Government will appropriate 50 billion dollars for public works and distribute it to the states according to population so people can have work. The big boy who is doing the research on unemployment and how to make people work is Sol Derman. He gave a talk at the meeting telling the group what Missouri needs. I think Sol has it all figured that Missouri will get 3 billion dollars.

"The group was disgusted because not one person from Jefferson City came to the meeting. They had hoped that the colored in the Negro College there would attend. They got fooled. However, Otto Maschoff explained that they were afraid. There is a big drive on to get more people to read the National Guardian and become educated. Lee Evans is also worried about the Jubilee Year in Rome. He said that some man has written an article in the New Republic about the Jubilee Year. The man according to Mr. Evans favors giving the Catholic Church all the power it wants. He said that in the article the Pope who was Secretary of State is the slickest politician of them all. Kit said she didn't understand why the Pope was referred to as a 'Secretary of State.' I left her in doubt and Mr. Evans was a bit muddled. He said that millions of Catholics will visit Rome

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next year and the reason they are going is to get orders from the Pope to take the world. Kit remarked 'Yes, I feel funny about Catholics; I can't trust them.' I agreed that something should be done about them as Catholics really were strong. They didn't know just what to do so we went on to other topics.

"Kit said that the artist from K.C.U. is coming to St. Louis one of these days under the auspices of someone--maybe A.S.P.??? Lee Evans asked who some fellow was at the Conference. He said that he looked like a 'dick' and he remarked to him 'Are you the FBI?' Then the FBI came in for a few compliments. It seems that the FBI (So Olga said) were outside the the meeting place in Cleveland taking license numbers off the cars. Olga said that Ted Moore is not scared of them. It seems that Mr. Ted informed the FBI that he could have them arrested????? All agreed that it was easy to spot a FBI as they had special earmarks that could be spotted. I told them that I was always looking around at meeting to spot an FBI and never had been certain if they were present or not.

"The Progressive Party now has a nice juicy Case--the Eddie Richardson affair. It seems that Eddie is the big shot in the Young Progressives. He bought a 4 room frame house in the 3000 block of Arlington. He moved a Negro family in with him--Man, wife and four children. The fight was on. The Progressive Party is protecting the two families from the police and neighbors. Kit slept two nights there and she wanted volunteers to help guard the house. I asked her point blank what she could do if the Whites took a notion to bomb the house. It is a lot of shouting over nothing. The Progressive Party reports to the police. They have called on the Mayor's Human Relation committee. They called on Oscar Earhart as Eddie Richardson lost his job. He was in jail for sticking leaflets in mail boxes so his boss fired him. It is a very sad story. Other items of news picked up here and there are. Reger is selling out, quitting his job at the Post Dispatch and leaving town for the West in the near future. Virginia Spence is working for the March of Dimes in NY. She wrote Kit that she was learning a lot about raising money. Margaret Wilson has to stay out of things altho she is with the Progressive movement but her husband is not. The monthly meetings of the Progressive Party City Central Committee are still held in Wilson's basement on Page.

"The Union situation was touched upon. It seems that the left-wings are working day and night getting out leaflets. However Olga said that the other side is handing out leaflets, too. It seems that the Shop Stewards at Wagners had a heated meeting last Monday night.

"The Perkins have bought a new home in the 16th Ward--- Inclosed is a sample of the petitions that the Progressive Party is getting out for the Cleveland Plan of 50 Billion.

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"Gerald K. Smith came in for a few brick bats. It seems that he has a leaflet preaching segregation like in Houston, Texas. He wants total segregation. Kit said that the Progressive Party has a file on Gerald and they will have to get out a pamphlet against him. The Progressive Party has a dirty, low down stool pidgeon on Gerlad's ranks. It seems that soembody followed Gerald to a bank and he put money in and it was listed in three different bank books. Then this individual received a letter from Gerald saying that unless funds were raised the Gerald K. Smith office at 15--S. Grand would have to close. He is a thorn in the Progressive Party's side."

With reference to the Progressive Party Conference held in Jefferson City concerning which KIT SCHRYVER delivered a report, it is to be noted that, according to a leaflet issued by subject which was furnished by SL 898 and which is filed herein, that a one day state conference of subject was to have been held in Jefferson City on November 6, Sunday, with ROBERT LOGSDON to serve as chairman.

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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS

DATE: May 5, 1950

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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INTERNAL SECURITY - Cb2
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"Earl Robinson Meeting"TIME 8:00 P.M.DATE Monday May 1st, 1950PLACE Basement of Christian Centennial Church
4950 Fountain at Aubert

Auspices: ASF & YPA

Present were the usual crowd - Dr. and Mrs. Sol Londe, Helen Musil, Ray Koch, Mrs. Eddie Richardson (took up tickets at door);

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| cc: 100-8669 - YPA | 100-187 - R. Londe |
| 100-420 - Dr. S. Londe | 100-1943 - H. Musil |
| 100-7186 - R. Koch | 100-8960 - E. Richardson |
| 100-7918 - E. Baron | 100-9392 - R. Wohl |
| 100-7159 - E. Waxman | 100-6873 - L. Waxman |
| 100-8415 - R. Kuttner | 100-6531 - L. Levine |
| 100-6798 - R. Sanders | 100-7987 - H. Jennings |
| 100-9240 - M. Scully | 100-6904 - E. Goldberg |
| 100-6848 - F. Goldberg | 100-6824 - J. Forest |
| 100-6874 - D. Forest | 100-4805 - C. Infiltr. UOPWA |
| 100-8593 - Weydemeyer Sch. | 100-1238 - A. Murphy |
| 100-345 - B. Manewitz | 65-397 - J. Rossen |
| 100-3231 - D. Sage | 100-7997 - L. Holzapfel |
| 100-9393 - CP, Chinese | 100-8043 - M. Wilson ✓ |

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Kitterer, Esther Baron, Roy Wohl, Mr. and Mrs. E. Waxman and child, Rhode Knutter, Mr. Hilley, Mr. Golden (student from Washington U), Lil Levine and Mother, Hank Holland, Hank Jennings and white girl friend (Jewish), Mr. Scully, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Fannie Goldberg and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Forest, and a group of YPA boys and girls unknown to me. There were about 60 persons present and only 6 Negroes.

"Mr. Robinson was late so Mr. Hilley played and sang his usual propaganda songs. When Mr. Robinson arrived he was cheered very little. He began and sang a song "What America Means to Me". Then he sang a song, and asked the group to join him, about a about the bollweevil. This was a parody on the GI who fought for his country and no job and no home etc., Mr. Robinson then sang an Irish song showing the conditions of the Irish back in the 80s and 90s. He even sang in a brogue. He then sang a Jewish song in Yiddish. He branched into Spanish and then translated the song—it was about a woman saying her rosary over her dying husband praying for him to die while her lover waited outside.

"The whole affair was a FLOP as the singer was nothing much to feature. He was a fellow about twenty-five with a flat-back head. He wore glasses and green shirt. He looked Jewish of the light variety. There was nothing interesting or even clever about him—he was a man without any personality. Roy Wohl left at the intermission and so did I. The Londes were also making a move to get away. Esther Baron disappeared early in the evening. She did not like the idea of being in the basement.

"Before the meeting or entertainment began everyone was talking about things to come. Rose Londe and S. Kitterer told me that they had called me several times but failed to reach me. They wanted me to come to Londe's home tomorrow evening to help with the final mailing list for the Kent meeting Friday night. I promised to be there.

"Several members of the UOPWU were present and one got me and said that the members could not come to the Kent meeting because they were meeting with some of the Community Chest officials to find out why the budget was being cut. However, someone will be at the Kent meeting to sell some tickets to a show that is to be held the latter part of this month for the UOPWU. I told

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her that I would be there and talk to her about it Friday. In the meantime Mr. Scully cornered me again and asked me to join the singing at Carver House on Friday nights. He also told me that a colored man who has been working among the Negroes in the South would speak tomorrow (Tuesday) night at 4200 W. Page-Wilson or Bush's basement(?). The Negro is Lou Burnam. It seems that he has been talking about town.

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Thursday April 27th, 1950

"I went to CP headquarters to register for school. The place looked deserted. Al Murphy was talking to some big Negro and Bob Manewitz joined them. John Rossen was busy typing and Dot Sage was addressing some envelopes. Al took my dollar and enrollment card. He explained that this last week of April was just registration week. The truth of the whole thing was that only Dot Sage and myself showed up for the class. Dot was talking to Bob and to "Pop". She was commenting on the Gurley Flynn meeting. She said that the students were really delighted with Lightfoots speech and the two Chinese fellows told her that for the first time in the U.S. they saw a Negro speaking to a nonsegregated crowd. They were very pleased to find this condition somewhere in this country. Dot said that she didn't know who the Chinese men were.

"Dot and I left and walked across Grand to Washington. She said that she was not afraid as she had been organizing in all kinds of neighborhoods for ten years. She seems to be interested in the Negroes. "

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ST. LOUIS PEACE COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 3-3-51, [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that according to IRMA MANEWITZ, she had been informed by ANNABELLE HALL that in connection with the tea being sponsored that evening by the St. Louis Women for Peace, quite a few women had backed out and some of them had not received announcements. And the way it looked now, she didn't know how the affair would turn out.

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According to MANEWITZ, she advised HALL to contact MARGE WILSON and have her do some calling of people for the affair. MANEWITZ further advised that she was informed by TONI SENTNER that she could not attend the tea that night which was for the purpose of raising money for the delegation.

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cc: 100-10216 - American Peace Crusade
100-6853 - Irma Manewitz
100-7438 - Annabelle Hall
100-6881 - Antonia Sentner
100-8043 - Marge Wilson

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MEMO, SAC

Re: Margaret Bush Wilson, Mrs. Robert
Wilson
Security Matter - C

A Communist Index card, as requested in SAC Letter No. 59,
Series No. 48, is to be prepared and the following information set
forth on it:

A. Name Margaret Bush Wilson, Mrs. Robert Wilson
B. File No. 100 - 8043
C. Position in Party 4- 110
D. Place of Residence 4200 W Page Blvd, S.L.M.O.
E. Place of Employment Same
F. Citizenship
G. Source and date information St. Louis Post Dispatch, 4/19/48
was received reflects subject was PP candidate
H. Information indicating for U.S. Representative from 11th Congressional
whether subject is potentially Dist.
or actually dangerous [redacted] 3/1/48 stated subject attended PCA
meeting that date at PCA office re Wallace
Organizing Committee. [redacted] Aug 49 stated
subject one of sponsors of Youth for Wallace.

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When the Communist Index card is prepared, this form should
be filed in the subject's case file, if there is one; if there is none,
a new dead file should be opened.

C.I. card made &
filed.

Miss Estelle Klock, 8/9/48 stated she told
Mrs. Jas. Storm that subject is a "Communist" &
Storm said she was aware of the fact (Ser. 49.)
Article St. Louis Post-Dispatch 10/31/48, stated
[redacted] SA
Paul Robeson has caption "Robeson sings on
streets of Margaret Wilson, candidate for
Congress on Progressive Ticket."

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[redacted] 1/4/48 stated sample ballot given
[redacted] Hy. states "Vote
[redacted] 1/21/49 stated subject attended
meeting of CRC on 1/1/49.

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5-28-51

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CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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On 5-11-51, [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that according to BOB TTA WAXMAN, TOMI SENTNER informed her that she wanted to get a mailing out the previous evening but she did not have any of the addresses of the ministers. That in this regard, WAXMAN furnished SENTNER with the names and addresses of the following individuals:

Rev. U. S. RANDALL, 6151 Page;
Rev. R. W. BUTCH, Delmar Baptist Church, 6150 Washington;
Rev. R.H. HAINES, 1341 Kingshighway;
Rev. D. F. FISK, 4273 Athlone;
Rabbi (FERDINAND) ISHMAN;
Rabbi JULIAN GORDON, 6943 Waterman;
DEAN STENT;
Rev. G. GEORGE WIDDIFIELD, 7800 Blackberry Lane, County;
Rev. GEORGE H. ASTER, 1244 Union;
Rev. CHARLES NELSON, 2600 Hadley;
Dr. CLEVER SHUKS, 1301 Sullivan;
Rev. O. ARNET, 4216 Mardel;
Rev. ELMER H. HARPER, 4019 St. Louis Avenue;
Rev. O. H. CHILDS, 1916 Lafayette;
Rabbi B. TRACTMAN, 1428 Blackstone;
Rev. JOHN H. FLOCKE, 160 N. Meramec, Clayton;
Dr. OSCAR JOHNSON, Grand & Washington;
Rev. DAVID W. JONES, 3158 Shelly, County;
Rev. [REDACTED] WALKER, 5415 S. Kingshighway;
Dr. HARRY THEOOF, 4100 Minnesota;
Dr. ERVIN INGLES, Lockwood & Elm, Webster Groves;
Rev. FRED E. DONALD, 2700 Dayton.

Informant further related that according to WAXMAN, she suggested to SENTNER that she get in touch with MARGE WILSON who had a list. In addition, SENTNER advised her that Rev. OMBEDIAN JONES had all the names of the colored ministers and that some of those she had JAMES SAGE indicated were colored pastors.

According to informant, WAXMAN stated that in connection with the list for the meeting that evening, SENTNER said she called the whole list and only three people were at home. That the next best thing she could do was to send them postcards.

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cc: 100-8878 - L. Waxman
100-498 - Chas. Wilson
100-8745 - James Sage
62-1707
100-8891 - A. Sentner
100-8043 - Marge Wilson
100-9927 - Rev. D. H. Williams

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Furthermore, she could not make the gathering that night because her daughter was coming in from New Mexico.

According to informant, MAXIAN stated that she inquired of GENTHER if she had any ideas on the program and was advised by GENTHER that she did not. Furthermore, GENTHER inquired of her if she could send the leaflet over to her that day so she could get it out. That the letter came out pretty good to the ministers. She wanted the leaflet as soon as possible which had to go out Sunday. That GENTHER further advised her that if they find any additional names they can change the date of the prayer meeting and send it out anyway.

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IRMA MANEWITZ
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On 6-26-51 [REDACTED] advised SE JOHN L. REEP that according to LORETTA WAXMAN, IRMA MANEWITZ informed her that she had not been visited by any important people that day and that she had spoken to the lawyer a little bit. Furthermore that she heard that the American Civil Liberties Union was not going to enter into the RICHARDSON matter, however, she advised IRMA that she must be mistaken in this matter and that she intended to check on it. That she advised IRMA further that she would have to get a final commitment from the lawyer and also she would have to see R. L. WITHERSPOON and that if he did not do any good, she should see MARGARET BUSH WILSON and that she thought BUSH's husband name was ROBERT WILSON.

Informant further advised that according to WAXMAN she discussed the CRC article appearing in the Argus and that she did not believe they gave them enough space and that she felt that they could have possibly had a better article if IRMA had gone down personally instead of calling. She further stated that she advised MANEWITZ that she had another lead on a lawyer by the name of Emanuel Williams, 2349 Market Street and that they want at least two lawyers, and they would have to understand they would have to wait on their fees.

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cc: L. Waxman 100-6873

cc: M. B. Wilson 100-8043

cc: R. Wilson 100-8063

cc: Eileen Richardson 100-8960

cc: Eddie Richardson 100-9051

cc: Jim Sage 100-5745

cc: J. Pappademos 100-10324

cc: CRC 100-7318

cc: American Civil Liberties Union 100-7914

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EILEEN RICHARDSON
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On 6-27-51 [REDACTED] advised SE JOHN L. REEP, JR. that according to LORETTA WAXMAN, EILEEN RICHARDSON informed her that she saw ROBERT L. WITHERSPOON that day in connection with their troubles and he advised her that if the NAACP would not back their defense committee, he would probably do it privately for a fee. Furthermore WITHERSPOON indicated that the executive committee of the NAACP would have to decide on the case before he could take any action.

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Informant further related that according to WAXMAN she advised EILEEN RICHARDSON to go ahead and contact MARGARET BUSH WILSON and to get her reaction on two things; 1. to see if she will come in on the case, and 2. just to more or less see how she reacts.

Informant further related that according to WAXMAN, EILEEN RICHARDSON advised her that she talked to JOHN KESSLER who was advising her as to what church to join and that KESSLER was noted for his inter-racial work and was formerly Professor at Washington University.

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cc: Eddie Richardson 100-9051

cc: L. Waxman 100-6873

cc: NAACP 100-2107

cc: CRC 100-7318

cc: M. Bush Wilson 100-8043

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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MISSOURI
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DATE: 1-22-52

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The following four-page handwritten report was received from [REDACTED] by U. S. Mail, postmarked October 29, 1951. The original copy has been filed in 66-1161A. The carbon which should not be marked or mutilated is being filed with the original typed copy in 100-8050.

"Oct. 29, 1951

"I attended the Halloween Party at the P.P. Saturday Oct. 27, 1951 those present

Sol Derman
Chris Rembert
Mr. Scales
Esther Pate
Bill
Ella Mae Posey Pappademos
John Pappademos

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| cc: 100-7657 (S. Derman) | 100-8960 (Eil. Richardson) |
| 100-10325 (C. Rembert) | 100-9051 (Ed Richardson) |
| 100-7869 (Scales) | 100-136 (J. Day) |
| 100-206 (E. Pate) | 100-7422 (S. Nissen) |
| 100-9716 (E. M. Posey) | 100-8043 (M. Wilson) |
| 100-10324 (J. Pappademos) | 100-8962 (Mrs. V. Beldon) |
| 100-7069 (F. Smith) | 100-3231 (D. Sage) |
| 100-7125 (M. Smith) | 100-5745 (J. Sage) |
| 100-7159 (E. Waxman) | 100-7225 (J. Fite) |
| 100-10254 (E. White) | 100-8297 (T. Warner) |
| 100-6916 (H. Perkins) | 100-7968 (A. Wilson) |
| 100-6248 (E. Hauber) | 100-7318 (GRC) |
| 100-7696 (C. Perkins) | 100-9084 (M. Svoboda) |
| 100-7146 (H. Edsell) | 100-9923 (Negro Trade Council) |
| 100-9550 (P. Burnley) | 100-6970 (H. Walker) |
| | 100-3648 (UE) |

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Floyd Smith
Mary Smith
Elliot Waxman
Earl White
Haven Perkins
Elsie Hauber
Clara Perkins: Drunk as a hoot-owl
Howard Edsell
Paul Brundly
Helen Brundly
Eileen Richardson
Ed Richardson
John Day
Sol Nissen
Margie Wilson
Mrs. Beldon
Dorothy Sage
Jim Sage
Wallie: He plays for these affairs
Joe Fite
Ernestine: Niece of F. Smith

"Mary Smith, Chris & myself came to the P.P. at 10:30 A.M. to decorate the place, later Sol, Perkins, and Edsel came, then Paul Brundly to make some signs, he told Sol he had seen 'Tom'. Sol was surprised, so I heard later it may be 'Warner'. Paul asked for my phone number, inviting me out for dinner some evening. Later that evening I was at the P.P. again. Sol Nissen and Sol Derman already there and Sol Nissen said he was waiting for some of my food and for the 3 of us to have dinner together, we did, then Margie & Andy Wilson came in with chairs the C.R.C. used at the C.R.C. meeting Thursday. A little later Jim & Dorothy Sage came in to use the mimeograph. they run off several hundred circulars about the 'Defend DuBois' campaign to raise funds sponsored by 'The St. Louis Peace Committee, P.O. Box #452, Wellston Station'. Jim Sage asked if I hear from Mildred. I said, 'You should know she is in the hospital'. he wondered if it was worry about her son in service. she has a daughter. Frank S. has the son.

"Sol asked Howard if he heard about the collection made where Clara works from the U.E. It was for the delegates to Cincinnati. \$33 was collected. I also heard Dorothy Sage say it later in the evening. Mr. Cooper, Herschel Walker, Walter Johnson are to have been the delegates to Cincinnati.

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"Many new people attended and signed to join the P.P. Sol gave Eileen Richardson a list of names & addresses to copy for herself. about 12 P.M. a nicely dressed Negro man came in, carrying a top-coat saying he was looking for P.P. headquarters came from Hartford, Conn. Sol & Howard asked him some questions. no one could hear, and the man signed up.

"About fifty-five or sixty people attended. Mary, Negro, 32 to 35 yrs. 5 ft. 6, comes with Mrs. Beldon. has come often early in the day. I saw her soliciting for the Community Chest.

"Mrs. Beldon announced a Social or Tea, around 3121 or 3151 Easton, Sunday. half of the proceeds go to C.R.C.

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TO : SAC, St. Louis

DATE: March 13, 1952

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (100-4843)- Sub 1B)

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On February 17, 1952 [REDACTED] advised SAs [REDACTED] and the writer, that on this date a conference had been held by DOROTHY FOREST and BROCKMAN SCHUMACHER for the purpose of discussing the present activities of the St. Louis Peace Committee and the Citizens Protest Committee against overcrowding in negro schools.

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According to the informant, SCHUMACHER, at the outset of the conference, stated that the Peace Committee has now rented a film entitled "Peace Will Win" for a period of six months at a cost of \$100.00 and in this regard the over-all program of the Peace Committee now is to circulate the film and sell records. SCHUMACHER further related that already ten meetings have been scheduled to show the film and that announcements are being prepared. In addition SCHUMACHER remarked that the film would also be rented out to other organizations for a fee of \$15.00 in order to help defray the original cost. SCHUMACHER then mentioned that he and JIM SAGE have already visited various individuals at their homes and exhibited the film to them. In this regard DOROTHY FOREST brought up the question of security as far as SCHUMACHER and SAGE being seen together. However, SCHUMACHER pointed out that they spent little time on the street, just in and out of the auto. SCHUMACHER remarked that so far he and SAGE had made contacts

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| cc: 100-6874 | D. Forest | 100-7792 | Youth Matters |
| 100-10122 | R. Schumacher | 100-10534 | Mary Ferguson |
| 100-10075 | Peace Committee | 100-8960 | E. Richardson |
| 100-6873 | L. Waxman | 100-9051 | Eddie Richardson |
| 100-8235 | ASP | 100-8410 | Henry Wheeler |
| 100-5745 | James Sage | 100-8716 | Ella Mae Posey |
| 100-7003 | Tom Gates | 100-345 | Bob Manewitz |
| 100-7109 | Joe Carpenter | 100-6853 | Irma Manewitz |
| 100-420 | Sol Londe | 100-6970 | Herschel Walker |
| 100-7318 | CRC | 100-8043 | Margaret Bush Wilson ✓ |
| 100-740 | IWO | 100-1958 | Thelma Hecht |
| 100-7221 | CP Brief | 100-7789 | Political Activities |
| 100-7498 | Education | 100-7314 | Security Measures |
| 100-7448 | Membership | | |
| 100-2107 | NAACP | | |
| 100-7954 | Domestic Admin. Issues | | |
| 105-309 | Citizens Protest Committee | | |
| 100-7367 | Pamphlets and Publications | | |
| 100-9253 | Underground Operations | | |

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with CHARLES JACKSON who owns his home, has a rathskeller and also a projector; TOM GATES; JOE CARPENTER; a Dr. HOWELL and a Dr. BROWN, described as a urologist. SCHUMACHER remarked that LONDE has been working with TOM GATES and now GATES is showing some interest.

Concerning SCL LONDE, SCHUMACHER said that right now he was helping LONDE in making contacts but he would not work in the ASP; that LONDE, however, is still making mistakes as he has a personal habit of lecturing when endeavoring to develop contacts; this is undoubtedly due to his being a doctor and as such still needs assistance. SCHUMACHER went on to relate that LONDE and he had contacted JOE CARPENTER in an effort to get him active; that CARPENTER had received literature from the Civil Rights Congress and had purchased "GENOCIDE". However, CARPENTER regards himself as an intellectual as he has a good library, plays chess and he now has formed a literature group made up of professional people who meet at his home.

According to SCHUMACHER, the Peace Committee had held a meeting the previous evening and although small in number good contacts were made; that furthermore, a meeting this evening would also be held by the Peace Committee for the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order (JPO Lodge). SCHUMACHER also mentioned that on March 15, 1952 there would be a meeting in Jefferson City and that on March 20th another "March On Washington " would be held and in addition on March 28 through 30th of 1952 a representative of the American Soviet Friendship Committee would be in St. Louis, however, plans for same are not as yet worked out.

(Representative believed to be RICHARD MORBORD). SCHUMACHER then went on to say that the Peace Committee has really improved as now they have established contacts who can be readily called. He mentioned that LINZ and he were great friends (believed to be THEODORE LINZ, Professor of Education, Washington University). Concerning LINZ, SCHUMACHER remarked that he was a Quaker at Washington University and that he had contacted LINZ and reviewed his book for him.

According to informant, SCHUMACHER then stated that he had a letter from New York about the Peace Committee and they are changing the forms and at the present time the ASP had 150 copies of the old forms (believed to be Peace Petition forms). SCHUMACHER then stated that they must have a concrete program such as bringing the five power peace pact to the people; that they should also invite members of the Citizens Protest Committee to meetings and have something specific for them such as telling them to bring the "Friendship Book" along.

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He then went on to say that people become cynical about peace petitions and as such they must not just let the petitions lie around. He again emphasized that the principal objectives of the Peace Committee at this time is concentration on the movie and records. He further stated that at the same time they are visiting around they could sell "Genocide" and in this regard they had already sold five copies. Furthermore, the group had discussed "Genocide" and the purpose now is how to put it over to people.

DOROTHY FOREST then brought up the question of getting new contacts mentioning that they should think of a natural way to begin to concentrate on youth groups. SCHUMACHER, in this regard, made mention that there is a youth group at Reverend EASTER's and that same is a youth organization in the church and all they need is two or three who can offer something useful such as a film.

According to the informant, a discussion was then had relative to the Citizens Protest Committee wherein SCHUMACHER mentioned that in connection with the \$6,000.00 in the Committee's treasury rumors were already being circulated as to "where is the money going". He went on to say that at a meeting of the organization on last Friday, WHEELER (HENRY WHEELER) had cleared up the matter; that \$5,000.00 plus dues is going into the NAACP as both organizations are joining forces and funds as the NAACP knows all about legal battles, the plan now being to have a legal battle and take the matter into Federal Court and so the NAACP will send to New York for legal counsel. SCHUMACHER further mentioned that the Protest Committee will control the NAACP and not let it get bureaucratic. He also stated that the Ministerial Alliance had pledged \$2,000.00 in two weeks. Furthermore, at a meeting of the Protest Committee a motion had been made to suspend all picketing and mass demonstrations and take the matter into court. However, WHEELER disagreed. SCHUMACHER pointed out that mass walk-outs put teeth into the Committee; that youth are being intimidated and some of the leaders cannot get back into school and furthermore that suspending protests now will ruin everything, however, a court fight is necessary but the importance of protesting cannot be disregarded.

Concerning a court action SCHUMACHER stated that they must have hugh turnouts at the court, jam the courts and have pickets around the building and above all, there must not be any pussyfooting around. He related that the greatest danger in a court fight, is being in it and losing the mass movement. Furthermore, the court fight will be for the right to have interracial schools, not just over overcrowdedness. He further related that DAVE GRANT had explained why no pressure was being put on the administration at this time. With reference to the role that the white

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party youth could play in the movement, SCHUMACHER stated they could have colored speakers from Washington Tech meet with white students and discuss the problems; that they also could have white students visit colored schools and report back to their own schools on the conditions.

Informant then related that SCHUMACHER stated that MARY _____ had told him that while at Washington Tech on the previous Wednesday when a strike was scheduled, twenty plain clothes men showed up and stood around so the students couldn't go out; that she wrote out "Strike At 12" on slips of paper and passed them around to the students, however, someone caught her and she was taken to the office and reprimanded.

SCHUMACHER then stated that there is a roving committee within the Protest Committee made up of ministers who go around to schools checking on incidents. He then mentioned that one student had been made to apologize before his class. He further related that teachers are afraid they are going to lose their jobs, however, there were three at the last Protest Committee meeting, and that the more they can get in touch with the less trouble they will have.

He then went on to say that MARY FERGUSON had made a speech at an ASP meeting about the schools and that she could have made same to stop any doubt we may have of her. He stated that she was very enthusiastic and that she and LONDE carry a big load in the ASP.

According to SCHUMACHER, SOL LONDE spoke at a Protest meeting and his introductory remarks were well put and that during his speech he made the suggestion that white children visit negro schools and that this suggestion was well received and referred to the Strategy Committee.

Concerning the school situation DOROTHY FOREST related that BEULAH RICHARDSON, while at EILEEN RICHARDSON's residence, suggested that they (Protest Committee) call a strike for a certain day and strike before going into school thus preventing being locked in.

SCHUMACHER then stated that the meeting of the Protest Committee should be in right neighborhoods as the most militant would be working peoples kids and in this regard the next meeting would be way down on Franklin. He also mentioned that MARY SMITH was working hard on the Protest Committee.

The informant then advised that SCHUMACHER stated he wants to get down to where he is only working the Peace Committee and wants to work only with LEWIS (believed to be Reverend REVELL LEWIS, independent candidate for State Representative), and that he wants to get all details before LEWIS as he is too old to work on them. Furthermore, that he needed 600 signatures with the deadline being April 20 and that he would like 2,000 if possible as part

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of an educational program. He mentioned that they shouldn't lose sight of the fact that we are Communists and should not get these people to a certain point and then let them drop. He pointed out they get too wrapped up in showing movies and lose sight of party aims at times,

SCHUMACHER then brought up the recruiting campaign of the party and in this regard DOROTHY FOREST said the only way we get ties with people is through these other groups. In referring to registration she stated that as yet all vital statistics have not been obtained from area leaders and related that March 15th is the deadline in this matter. She went on to say that she would like to see the film and that the last time she saw SOL LONDE he asked her if she didn't want him to bring the movie so she could see it. She mentioned that LONDE can run this projector but not the ASP's projector

SCHUMACHER then mentioned that EILEEN RICHARDSON went to one Peace Committee meeting and afterward said they were minimizing the efforts of youth and that it should be the main purpose of the Protest Committee. In this regard DOROTHY FOREST stated that EILEEN told her the same and that EILEEN is continually working on youth and that she believed SCHUMACHER should talk to EILEEN and also ELLA MAE POSEY and figure out a way either one can participate in activity; that she believed ELLA MAE should take this as a full-time responsibility in bringing things to the attention of the Protest Committee from a youth standpoint. Informant stated that DOROTHY FOREST again told SCHUMACHER that she thought he should talk to ELLA MAE about her duties and he advised DOROTHY that he may see POSEY on the following day.

DOROTHY FOREST then related that this movement is a magnet and once it gets a certain class of people it will hold them. She suggested that ELLA MAE should launch the program of SOL's for the discussion of talks at different schools and that the PTA would arrange interracial conferences at different schools. FOREST was also of the opinion that ELLA MAE will get on the Strategy Committee (Protest Committee).

Informant related that FOREST and SCHUMACHER then discussed a recent incident wherein CASEY RICHARDSON (son of EDDIE and EILEEN RICHARDSON) disrupted a recent meeting (believed to be Negro History Week of the CRC). Informant stated that both were of the opinion someone should discuss the conduct of this child with EILEEN, and that SCHUMACHER stated that this incident was bad from a standpoint of new negroes observing a lack of discipline over white children. SCHUMACHER then brought up an incident wherein last Thursday he went to LORETTA WAXMAN's to inform her of a meeting on Friday and while there she told him that he should make a point of letting EILEEN

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised SE [redacted] on July 31, 1952, that WILLIAM SENTNER had on that date indicated an intention of submitting a bill of arbitration at Mount Carmel, Illinois, to the Chicago Office of the American Arbitration Society. He was of the opinion that such request should be by the company and the union jointly. He indicated he would send a carbon copy to Local 1110, UE, and indicated that the dispute concerned the Meissner Manufacturing Division of Mc Guire Industries, Inc. He indicated that he had conferred with MARGARET BUSH WILSON and that she had expressed a desire to see the memorandum before she rendered any decision.

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cc: 100-5357 W. Sentner
100-8043 M. B. Wilson

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ELLIOTT WAXMAN
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On 8-30-52, [REDACTED] advised SE JOHN L. REEP, JR. that on this date ELLIOTT WAXMAN had contacted the following individuals concerning making arrangements for a Labor Day picnic of the Freedom of the Press Club:

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MARGE WILSON
EDNA STANFORD

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cc: M. Wilson, 100-8043

cc: R. Stanford 100-1543

cc: Freedom of the Press Club, 100-11229

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SA [REDACTED]

ELLIOTT WAXMAN
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On 8-29-52, [REDACTED] advised SE [REDACTED] that according to ELLIOTT WAXMAN, he had contacted the following individuals, making arrangements for a picnic on Labor Day sponsored by the Freedom of the Press Club:

RICHARD STANFORD
MARGE WILSON
OWEN LUTZ

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100-7159

cc: Richard Stanford, 100-1543

cc: M. Wilson, 100-8043

cc: O. Lutz, 100-189

cc: Freedom of the Press Club, 100-11229

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On 9-13-52, [REDACTED] advised SE JOHN L. REEP, JR. that according to HERSCHEL WALKER, he had endeavored to contact BEN T. PHILLIPS to no avail, on this date, nor was MARGE WILSON available and, as such, he planned to visit RICHARD STANFORD at STANFORD's residence, 4159 St. Louis Avenue, that afternoon.

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cc: B. T. Phillips, 100-9974

cc: M. Wilson, 100-8043

cc: R. Stanford, 100-1543

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Director, FBI (100-386759)

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SAC, St. Louis (100-8251)

WILLIAM BERTHA LEE GREENE
SECURITY MATTER - C

REGISTERED MAIL

Rebulet March 12, 1952.

On October 9, 1952 Mrs. WILLIAM BERTHA LEE GREENE, upon request, appeared at the St. Louis Office at which time she was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] in accordance with the authority granted in referenced letter. b6 b7C

Mrs. GREENE advised that she presently resides at 4217 West Belle in St. Louis and has resided at this address since 1943. From 1940 to 1943 she resided at 4136 Fairfax; from 1938 to 1940 at 4205 Page; and during 1937 and 1938 at 4045a West Belle. Subject indicated that she was born on February 16, 1918 in Fulton, Arkansas, where her parents, JOHN SEIDON MALONE and ORVILLE WEBSTER MALONE, resided. In December 1937 she married JAMES A. "BOB" GREENE, who was born January 18, 1914 at Baxter, Arkansas. They have two children, DANIEL aged 10 and DANILE aged 12. Subject stated that she attended grammar school at Fulton, Arkansas and subsequently graduated from Sumner High School in St. Louis in January 1936. She then took a business course at the Washington Technical High School in St. Louis during 1937. She indicated from June to October 1937 she was employed by the law firm of Redmond and Cope, 11 E. Jefferson Avenue in St. Louis. Then she was employed by S. E. Garner at the same address, and during 1937 and 1938 for several months she was employed by "The St. Louis Call", a newspaper whose editor was named STOWELL. She indicated she was unemployed until 1945, at which time she worked at a print shop for several months. Then she was employed by Reverend BLUNT at the Central Baptist Church, Washington and Swing, for several months in 1945. During 1947 and 1948 she was self-employed as a public typist up until the time that she was employed at the AFG. Mrs. GREENE indicated that subsequent to her dismissal from the AFG she has not been employed outside of her home.

Subject indicated that to her knowledge she was never approached regarding membership in the CP nor has she ever had any contact with individuals who, to her knowledge, were members of or affiliated with the CP. She indicated that for a year or so prior to her employment at the AFG she had received mail in various forms which originated with the CP; however, she

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cc: 100-2152 J. Greene 100-342 E. Lush Wilson
100-10605 Defected Communists 100-121-185 V. Greene
100-8950 LTH 100-2107 NAACP
100-628 Workers Alliance
of America

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indicated that she never read this further than to ascertain what it was, whereupon she threw it in the trash. She went on to say that when she first sought employment at the AEC she received a list which indicated to her that the CP was a subversive organization. She thereupon made a telephone call to the telephone number listed on some of this mail and requested that they stop sending mail to her. She said that she indicated to these people that she was taking a Government job and did not desire to have any more of this mail coming to her home. Mrs. GREENE indicated that when this mail continued coming to her residence she contacted the CP again and requested that they cease sending material to her residence, which request they apparently honored as she no longer received such material. Mrs. GREENE could not recall whom she contacted, stating that it made no impression on her at the time. She indicated that she had never paid dues to the CP nor had she ever held a CP card. She stated that she did recall on one occasion having received an invitation to a CP christmas party; however, she and her family did not attend this affair and she wanted nothing to do with the organization.

Mrs. GREENE went on to advise that sometime between about 1938 to 1940 she attended an entertainment sponsored by the Workers Alliance, with which she believed her husband was affiliated. She indicated that this was in the Masonic Hall on Easton Avenue but that she could recall only one individual who was present. She identified this man as JAMES DICER, with whom she had attended Sumner High School. She indicated that her husband was apparently acquainted with various persons at this meeting but she did not recall any of their identities.

Mrs. GREENE further informed that sometime about 1947 or 1948 she had accompanied her husband to a social affair which was given by the Progressive Party of Missouri somewhere in the 4100 block of Page. She indicated that this did not appear to be a political meeting in that no literature was distributed, no speeches were made, and the only activities were card playing, dancing and drinking. She also indicated that she subsequently attended a mass meeting at Kiel Auditorium sponsored by the Progressive Party and that she recalled seeing one MARGARET RUSH, with whom she had attended school, on the platform. It was her impression that this individual was a candidate for some office although she could effect no more information along this line. Mrs. GREENE indicated that she was not acquainted with ELLIEN SHAW or SARAH SHAW. (It is to be noted that SARAH SHAW is the individual to whom subject spoke at the time of her request that no more CP literature be mailed to her address.)

Mrs. GREENE indicated that at the present time her entire activities are devoted to her home and her children. She says that the only organizations of which she is a member are the NAACP, the Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the YCA, PTA at her children's school, and her church.

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As indicated above, Mrs. GRISMER stated that it is her impression that her husband in years past has been affiliated with the Workers Alliance of America. She said, however, that she and her husband never discuss each others business or personal lives and that she could not furnish any further information concerning this. She said that she also seemed to recall that sometime in years past he had been a delegate to a St. Louis youth conference; however, she did not know when this was or what organization sponsored the conference or anything else about it. She said that her husband has received mail from the CP intermittently for a number of years; however, she does not recall his having received such literature in the past year or so. She indicated that she doesn't know if he ever was or is now affiliated with the CP in any way.

It is to be noted that subject appears to have been cooperative and that her activity in and knowledge of the CP is negligible or non-existent. It is not believed that she possesses any potentialities as a security informant, and therefore no request for future interview is being made unless unforeseen circumstances subsequently arise. Her name is not being recommended for the security index, and unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau her case is being placed in a closed status.

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On 10-15-52, [REDACTED] advised SE JOHN L. DEEP, JR. that according to DOROTHY FOREST, BILL SENTNER had advised her that as soon as he obtained all the facts on the question of bail, they would issue them under the name of the committee and mail to the Post-Dispatch. Furthermore, SENTNER indicated that MARGARET LUSH WILSON was also very much interested in the matter.

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Informant further related that according to DOROTHY FOREST, BILL SENTNER advised her that he was going to speak to the representatives of the U. E. in many places in an effort to raise money for the Defense Committee.

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cc: E. Sentner, 100-5357

cc: J. Forest, 100-6024

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TO: SAC

DATE: APR 7 1953

FROM: SA [REDACTED] (100-7869)

SUBJECT: R. B. SCALES
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On 3-16-53 the subject was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and the writer and is being considered a [REDACTED] this office and his identity should be protected. SCALES furnished the following information:

SCALES stated that in 1947 while employed at Wagner Electric Company, St. Louis, Missouri, a fellow employee, CLEOFUS WILLIAMS, requested that he attend a social affair held at the Castle Ballroom, St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that they announced at this party that it was sponsored by the Communist Party (CP) and it featured a Communist guest speaker. He stated that he attended several other CP sponsored social events at the request of DENNIE PINES and that PINES had asked him several times in 1947 and 1948 to join the CP. He stated these socials always featured a Communist guest speaker who spoke concerning current issues such as Jim Crowism, lynching, rent control, and attacked the present administration and praised the CP.

SCALES stated that although PINES had asked him several times in 1947 and 1948 to join the CP, that he had never joined the party and had never been an active member.

He advised that he attended 20 or so of the social events which were sponsored by the CP from 1947 to the present and the last event he attended was a New Year's Eve Party December 31, 1952 which he said he believed was sponsored by the Progressive Party of Missouri (PPM). Reliable informants, however, advised that this event was actually sponsored by the St. Louis Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council and the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee.

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100-7186 (R. KOCH)

100-7240 (D. PINES)

100-6970 (H. WALKER)

61-109 (R. SHAW)

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(Reg. Mail)

100-5357 (W. SENTNER)

100-6874 (D. FOREST)

100-6824 (J. FOREST)

100-7657 (S. DERMAN)

100-7247 (M. SMITH)

100-8043 (M. BUSH WILSON) ✓

100-1238 (AL MURPHY)

100-8050 (PPM)

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100-12098 (SLEDG)

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SCALES stated that in 1947 and 1948 when he first attended these CP sponsored functions, they openly discussed the CP. He stated, however, that later they did not mention the CP, but the speeches were concerned entirely with Civil Rights and other such matters.

SCALES advised that he has been asked to participate in the picket line which is currently picketing Sears-Roebuck in St. Louis in an effort to have them hire Negroes and he believes that this picket line is sponsored by the St. Louis Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC). He stated, however, that he has never participated in the picket line.

In 1948 SCALES advised that SOL DERMAN had requested that he attend the Founding Convention of the PPM held at Jefferson City, Missouri. He stated that he was also active in the Progressive Party (PP) through the 1948 and 1952 elections. He stated that SOL DERMAN had requested that SCALES' wife run for state representative of the Tenth District on the PP Ticket in the 1952 elections, and that she did agree to run. He stated that they had several PP meetings at their home in 1952 but that these meetings consisted of only a few individuals and were concerned with planning the present campaign. The only person he recalls attending these meetings was SOL DERMAN.

SCALES stated that during the time he attended these CP sponsored social events, he was given CP literature from time to time. He specifically recalls that he was given a book written by KARL MARX, but could not recall the contents of the book and he advised that he has either misplaced or destroyed this book. He added that he had received The Worker through the mail for approximately two years from 1950 through 1951, however, he stated that he did not actually subscribe to this publication. He was later asked to subscribe to The Worker, which he failed to do and his issues of instant publication were thereby discontinued.

- INDIVIDUALS -

CLEOFUS WILLIAMS

SCALES stated that he was acquainted with CLEOFUS WILLIAMS when he was employed at Wagner Electric in St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that WILLIAMS in 1947 had told him of a social being held in St. Louis, Missouri at the Castle Ballroom. He stated that this was a CP sponsored social and the first CP social that he had ever attended. He advised that WILLIAMS also attended this social, but that he did not attend subsequent socials and he did not believe that WILLIAMS was or had ever been a member of the CP.

RAY KOCH

SCALES stated that he believes that RAY KOCH spoke at the first CP sponsored social that he attended in St. Louis which was held at the Castle Ballroom in 1947.

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He stated that he has seen RAY KOCH on numerous occasions from the period 1947 to 1953 in attendance at various CP sponsored events. He stated that when he first attended these socials they readily admitted that it was sponsored by the CP and, therefore, he felt that RAY KOCH had been a member of the CP.

DENNIE PINES

SCALES stated that he was acquainted with PINES as they worked together at Wagner Electric Company in St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that PINES had requested that he attend several CP sponsored functions in 1947 and 1948 and had also given him CP literature and asked that he subscribe to the Daily Worker. He stated that PINES had asked him to join the CP several times in 1947 and 1948, but that he had never joined the CP and as a result, he lost contact of PINES. He advised that he believed that PINES was a CP member in 1947 and 1948.

HERSCHEL WALKER

SCALES advised that he has known HERSCHEL WALKER from 1947 to the present time. He stated that he was first acquainted with WALKER while employed at Wagner Electric in St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that although WALKER had never asked him to join the CP, he had always praised the CP as a great organization, and that it would be a good group to join. In 1948 he advised that HERSCHEL WALKER attended the Founding Convention of the PPM held in Jefferson City, Missouri. He stated that HERSCHEL WALKER also attended the majority of the CP sponsored socials that he attended. He advised that he is presently in contact with HERSCHEL WALKER and that WALKER asked him repeatedly to participate in the picket line which is presently picketing Sears-Roebuck in St. Louis, Missouri. SCALES added that he believes this picket line is sponsored by the CRC and that HERSCHEL WALKER is the leader.

RALPH SHAW

SCALES stated that he was not personally acquainted with RALPH SHAW, but had heard him speak at several of the CP sponsored socials. He recalls specifically that SHAW spoke at the Pleasant Green Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, date unknown. In this speech, SHAW praised the CP and criticized the President and the present form of government in the U. S. He also attacked Jim Crowism and lynching.

WILLIAM SENTNER

SCALES advised that he was acquainted with WILLIAM SENTNER through his employment at Wagner Electric Company, in St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that SENTNER was quite active in the union at Wagner Electric. He stated that he had heard SENTNER speak at several union meetings, but that his speeches were concerned with union matters. He stated that he did not know whether or not SENTNER was a CP member, but that he had never denied being a Communist.

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DOROTHY FOREST

SCALES stated that he had seen DOROTHY FOREST at several of these CP sponsored functions which he attended. He stated that he had also heard her speak, but stated that her speeches always concerned Civil Rights rather than the CP.

JAMES FOREST

The subject stated that he had seen JAMES FOREST at several of these CP sponsored functions and recalled that he spoke at RALPH SHAW's farewell party held in 1948.

SOL DERMAN

SCALES advised that he had been acquainted with SOL DERMAN for quite some time and in 1948 DERMAN had asked him to attend the Founding Convention of the PPM held at Jefferson City, Missouri. He advised that he had seen SOL DERMAN at numerous CP sponsored functions and in the 1952 presidential election, DERMAN requested that SCALES's wife DORA be placed on the PP Ticket as a state representative for the Tenth District. He stated that DERMAN also attended several PP meetings held at SCALES' residence, 1730 Elliot, St. Louis, Missouri during the 1952 election. These meetings were concerned with campaign plans.

MARCEL SMITH

SCALES stated that he was acquainted with MARCEL SMITH through his employment at Wagner Electric Company, St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that SMITH attended the Founding Convention of the PPM held in 1948 in Jefferson City, Missouri. He stated that because of his CP affiliations, SMITH was fired from his job at Wagner. He later stated that SMITH was kicked out of the CP and SENTNER had remarked that SMITH had been indiscreet when asked what he would do, if the United States went to war with Russia as he had answered that he would bomb the plant. SCALES stated that he has had no recent contact with SMITH.

MARGARET BUSH WILSON

SCALES stated that MARGARET BUSH WILSON accompanied him to the PP Convention held in 1948 at Jefferson City, Missouri. He added that in the 1948 election she was running for Congresswoman on the PP Ticket.

AL MURPHY

SCALES stated that he has seen AL MURPHY in attendance at numerous CP sponsored functions. He added that he had also recently seen where MURPHY had been arrested for his Communist activities. He stated that MURPHY attended a New Year's Eve Party held December 31, 1952 which he believed was sponsored by the PP.

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On April 1, 1953, [redacted] reported that he had made inquiries to locate subject EARNEST EARL CLARK and, in the course of his investigation, went to 4441 Cottage, where he talked to one PEARL GRANT, who didn't know CLARK and had only resided at that address for two months. At 4286A Washington, he talked to the janitor who has been there for three years. The janitor didn't remember anyone names Mrs. JOHNNY QUARLES living there during the time he has been janitor. He said that 3131 Vandeventer is a confectionery and the Negro proprietor does not know CLARK.

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At 3135A Franklin, he talked to a woman residing there who does not know CLARK.

[redacted] said that WILLIE McNARY, who resides at 3133A Franklin, is a former client of his and has been a resident of the Franklin Avenue address for about four years. McNARY has never heard of CLARK.

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The informant said that because of influenza and a heart attack, he has not been active since the first of the year but he knows that the numbers games are still being operated. He said the Brooklyn game, the Red Bird Game, and the games operated by the HARRIS Brothers have formed an association and have retained a Negro lawyer named ROBERT WILSON, who has offices c/o J.T. Bush Realty Company, at 4200 Page. WILSON looks after the Federal stamps and other matters for these games. Informant said that WILSON devotes practically his entire time to taking care of the needs of the HARRIS Brothers and the Brooklyn lottery. Informant said that WILSON's wife is MARGARET BUSH WILSON, who ran for Congress on the ticket of the Progressive Party of Missouri, and both WILSONs have a reputation among the Colored of being "pink".

The Association also employs a bondsman names PAT CAIN, a white man, who has been signing bonds for both outfits. CAIN used to be an associate of BEVERLY BROWN.

Informant said that FRANK KOKOS, a Greek, operates a numbers game from the Lincoln Inn in the 2800 block of Market Street, on the south side.

Another individual in the employ of the HARRIS Brothers and the Brooklyn Lottery is PRESTON VANDERFORD, 4826 Greer, Telephone-FI3963. Informant describes him as a runner or field contact man. In effect, he is a general superintendent.

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[redacted] says that he knows of no protective association practicing extortion among the colored business men or working men.

Informant said that JORDAN CHAMBERS, an undertaker, who also runs the Revere Club in the 4400 block of Delmar, is a powerful figure in Democratic circles in the city and is a committeeman of the 19th Ward. It is whispered in the neighborhood that CHAMBERS has dabbled in dope although informant has no proof of this.

According to informant, prostitution among the colored is prevalent in the city of St. Louis although he knows of no one in control of the entire situation but feels it is on an individual unorganized basis. It is his observation that the Deluxe Hotel, at Enright and Walton, is an outlet for girls coming in and leaving town. He does not know whether or not Mrs. DURWARD (phonetic) ANDREWS, Manager of this hotel, is engaged in prostitution or in promoting prostitution. He has heard that her husband, at one time, sold heroin but he understands that the Bureau of Narcotics was never able to prove it. He said that LONNIE McINTOSH, in charge of the local Bureau of Narcotics, is aware of the allegation against DURWARD ANDREWS.

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WILLIAM H. HUTCHINSON
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On May 29, 1953 the above captioned individual, who is a negro attorney residing at 901a North Taylor, and having a law office at 1229 North Taylor Avenue, appeared at the St. Louis Office and furnished the following information.

HUTCHINSON stated that he has in the past been very interested in local politics and has had political aspirations for himself. He stated that at one time he had been active in the Progressive Party of Missouri and in 1948 had run on the Progressive Party ticket for state representative. He stated that as a result of this his present political opponents have seized upon his former affiliation with the Progressive Party and are accusing him of being a Communist. He stated that he is not now a Communist, has never been a Communist, and wished to go on record with this office in order to clarify his former activity in the Progressive Party. HUTCHINSON then related the following information concerning his past activity.

HUTCHINSON stated that in 1948 he supported several persons who were running for office on the Progressive Party ticket. He stated that one of these was HARRIET ELLIEN LILSON, who was a former law class mate of his. He stated that he did quite a bit of work in support of HARRIET LILSON in running for office, and that in support of her he allowed his name to be entered on the Progressive Party ticket as a candidate for State Representative from the Eleventh District. HUTCHINSON stated that he was interested in HARRIET LILSON, first, because they were former law class mates, and secondly, because there were only three people running for the position sought by LILSON, and that she was the only negro. He stated that he thought a negro had a better chance of being elected from that district inasmuch as it was a negro district. HUTCHINSON stated that in support of LILSON, he began to attend Progressive Party meetings and became very active generally in the Progressive Party. He stated that he was very active in the 1948 campaign in behalf of Progressive Party candidates. He stated, however, that he did not believe that he was personally very popular with many Progressive Party members in view of the fact that he classifies himself as a free thinker and objected to many policies set forth by the PPM.

HUTCHINSON stated that he was actually invited to join the Progressive Party of Missouri by HARRIET ELLIEN LILSON and that he attended meetings of the organization regularly from March 1948 until November 1948 at the time

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1 - 100-12036 (W. JONES)
1 - 100-1238 (E. BOWLEY)
1 - 100-7057 (S. ELLIEN)

1 - 100-8043 (HARRIET LILSON)
1 - 100-7966 (L. GREENGLASS)
1 - 100-351 (C. H. ELLIEN)
1 - 100-7967 (H. JONES)
1 - 100-7967 (G. ELLIEN)

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of the general election. He stated that in addition to this he attended the national convention of the Progressive Party held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in July 1948. HUTCHINSON stated that he was interested in politics because he believed that any young lawyer who engaged in politics to a limited extent would become better known in the community. He stated that in addition to this, in his training at Columbia University in New York City he spent considerable time doing social work. He stated that when he returned to St. Louis in 1947 he became active in the Progressive Citizens of America, which he described as an organization which preceded the formation of the Progressive Party. He stated that his interests in the Progressive Citizens of America was one of a rather selfish motive. He stated that the PCA sponsored a rent control proposition and formed a tenants league. HUTCHINSON stated that he saw in the PCA an opportunity to capitalize on the rent control proposition and the tenants league in connection with his law business. He stated that as a result of his activity in the tenants league he received many rent control cases which aided considerably in the income from his law practice.

HUTCHINSON stated that while active in the Progressive Party he was well acquainted with the following individuals: SOL DERMAN, MARGARET RUSH WILSON, KATHLEEN CHURCH, ANNE ELLER and WILLIAM HANCOCK. He stated that he believed that some of these individuals might have been Communist Party members although he had no way of knowing which ones were and which ones were not. HUTCHINSON stated that he was also well acquainted with AL MURPHY but stated that MURPHY was not very active in the Progressive Party. He stated that he did not recall exactly where he had met MURPHY but that AL MURPHY had called at his law office on various occasions and he also recalled that he had at various times met MURPHY on other occasions.

HUTCHINSON stated that when he attended the 1948 National Convention of the Progressive Party he drove his car to Philadelphia. He stated that he took in his car as passengers the following persons: HENRY JAMES, negro; CHARLOTTE CROSSING; ALICE BELMANN; CLARA WHITE; and a Miss WHITE, a sister-in-law of CLARA WHITE. He stated that both CLARA WHITE and Miss WHITE were negroes. He stated that enroute to Philadelphia to attend the convention the group had various discussions on topics of the day. He stated that CHARLOTTE CROSSING became very hostile toward him as a result of a conversation in which he expressed opinions which might be considered favorable to President TRUMAN in regard to TRUMAN's stand on civil rights. He stated that CROSSING argued very strongly with him and gave the appearance of not wanting others in the car to hear what he (HUTCHINSON) had to say. HUTCHINSON stated it was his personal opinion as a result of contact with these individuals, and judging from conversations had with them, that CROSSING and JAMES were members of the Communist Party. He added, however, that he had no proof

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of this fact. He also stated that he did not believe that ALVIN BLANKIN was a C. member.

He related the following incident concerning HENRY J. JENNINGS which took place at the National Convention of the Progressive Party. He stated that at one time he happened to be standing with HENRY JENNINGS at which time an individual approached them handing out a socialist newspaper. He stated that this man handed one copy to JENNINGS and one copy to himself. HUTCHINSON stated that he considers himself a free thinker and free to read anything that he desires and, as a result, he began to read this newspaper. He stated that HENRY JENNINGS became infuriated over the fact that a man was distributing a socialist paper at the Progressive Party convention and, as a result, tore up his copy and stamped on it. He stated that JENNINGS also attempted to have him stop reading the copy in his possession. He stated that this incident, together with other contacts with JENNINGS, led him to believe that JENNINGS was a member of the Communist Party.

HUTCHINSON stated that as a result of his attendance at the National Convention of the Progressive Party it had become very evident to him that the Progressive Party was supported and backed by the Communist Party and that the Progressive Party followed the Communist Party line, almost exclusively. He stated that it was during his attendance at the National Convention that he decided that he would resign from the Progressive Party. He stated that during the 1948 convention the Vermont delegation introduced a motion which, in part, was mildly critical of the Soviet Union, on one particular issue. He stated that this revolution was quickly voted down and that in addition the Vermont delegates were reprimanded for introducing such a resolution at the convention. HUTCHINSON stated that this was the "last straw" as far as he was concerned and he became so disgusted with the Progressive Party that he did not even vote in the 1948 election.

HUTCHINSON said that the day after the 1948 election he sent a letter of resignation to the Progressive Party of Missouri in which he stated that the public had repudiated the Progressive Party and under the circumstances he considered it a waste of time to continue activity in the Progressive Party. He stated that immediately after the election JIM BROWN and other local officials of the PPM were stating that the election had been stolen from them in an effort to prevent members of the Progressive Party from resigning. He stated that several of these individuals visited him at his office and had made the same statements to him. HUTCHINSON stated that he advised them that the election was not stolen because there was nothing to steal and "the votes were just not there".

HUTCHINSON stated that during the time he was a member of the PPM he subscribed for one year to the National Guardian. He stated that he believed he subscribed to this paper at a Progressive Party meeting at which

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he paid two dollars. He stated that on occasion he had read copies of the Daily Worker, however, he had never subscribed to this publication. He stated that at various times he had also read other pamphlets and publications but had never subscribed to any on a regular basis.

HUTCHINSON stated that on several occasions WILLIAM DASHINGALE tried to interest him in joining the Civil Rights Congress. He stated that he believed the first occasion was one time when he was acting as defense attorney for a young negro in whose case the CRC was interested. HUTCHINSON stated that he believed he had attended several CRC meetings but stated that he never joined the organization and know nothing additional concerning the Civil Rights Congress.

HUTCHINSON stated that about the time the Stockholm Peace Petition was being circulated, he had attended a meeting sponsored by the Arts, Sciences and Professions. He stated that the meeting was held at the home of Mrs. JAMES BLANKMAN and that the purpose of the meeting was to plan a St. Louis concert for a Russian composer by the name of CHASTORAVICH. He stated that he does not believe that he ever attended any other meeting of the ASF and can furnish no additional information concerning the organization.

Regarding AL MURPHY, HUTCHINSON stated that he believes he first met MURPHY at Progressive Party headquarters on Eighteenth Street. He stated that after this he had met him on the street on several occasions and that MURPHY had always been very cordial to him. HUTCHINSON stated that he knew MURPHY to be a self-avowed Communist Party member. HUTCHINSON stated that in 1952 he was returning to St. Louis from an appearance in Federal Court in Mississippi and that around Charleston, Missouri his car became disabled. He stated that he contacted several friends in Charleston, Missouri and subsequently learned that AL MURPHY was then residing there. He stated that he called on MURPHY and was treated very cordially. He stated that he stayed for dinner at the MURPHY home and that following this AL MURPHY showed him the new house which he was building at that time. He stated that since his arrest MURPHY has called at his law office on numerous occasions to obtain a legal opinion in connection with various motions to be introduced in behalf of the St. Louis Smith Act subjects.

HUTCHINSON stated that on one recent occasion he happened to be in Federal Court in St. Louis on another matter, at which time a hearing was scheduled concerning the St. Louis Smith Act subjects. He stated that at this time he engaged in conversation with MURPHY and the other Smith Act defendants. He stated that in addition to this he occasionally meets one of the Smith Act defendants or individuals who he formerly knew to be affiliated with the

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Progressive Party on the streets in St. Louis. He stated that at these times he is cordial to these people and if they so desire engages in a short conversation. He stated that as a result of this he had been branded as a Communist by his political opponents which has resulted in great harm to him as a lawyer and to his standing in the courts.

HUTCHINSON gave the following account of his political activity. In 1949 he organized a group known as the West Side Young Democrats, which was an organization composed of young negroes. He stated that there were no subversive individuals in this organization and that, in fact, the constitution barred Communist Party members from holding membership in this club. In 1950 he drew up plans for organization of the mid-town Young Democratic Club. At a meeting held to organize this club officially an individual took the floor and accused HUTCHINSON of being a Communist Party member and in addition stated that the West Side Young Democrats was a Communist organization. HUTCHINSON vigorously denied that either organization was in any way subversive, however, the charges prevented a charter being issued for the organization by the State of Missouri. In addition, the political opponents of HUTCHINSON circulated circulars throughout the lightenth ward in 1951 stating that HUTCHINSON, who was a candidate for Alderman on the Democratic ticket, was a Communist Party member.

In August 1952 HUTCHINSON was a candidate for Ward Committeeman in opposition to FRED LEATHERS (who, according to HUTCHINSON, was backed by the SHANNON-MILLER machine). During the campaign prior to this primary election the opponents of HUTCHINSON circularized the information that HUTCHINSON was a Communist Party member and had formerly been affiliated with many subversive groups.

During 1951 HUTCHINSON was commander of American Legion Post No. 77 (Don Powell Post). As commander of this Post, in conjunction with two other American Legion Posts, HUTCHINSON formed a group known as the "St. Louis Veterans Civil Liberties Committee" which was formed for the purpose of attempting to pass a civil rights referendum for the City of St. Louis in connection with theaters and hotels. The purpose of this organization was to obtain signatures for petitions which would enable the referendum to be placed on the ballot. At a meeting held at the Pine Street Y.M.C.A. HUTCHINSON presented this plan to a group of NAACP officials. At this time several of HUTCHINSON's political opponents, including DAVID GRANT, openly accused HUTCHINSON of being a Communist Party member. HUTCHINSON openly denied that he was a Communist Party member or that he had ever been a C. member, however, he stated that the charges brought against him were enough to put an end to the organization he sought to organize.

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He stated that in addition a friend of his, namely, WALTER J. JACOBSON, has also been accused of being a Communist because he was formerly a member of the West Side Young Democratic Club which was headed by HUTCHINSON.

HUTCHINSON stated that he is also involved in another affair which has caused him to suffer a loss of considerable business. The facts of this, as related by HUTCHINSON, are in brief as follows.

He stated that in 1950 he represented four negroes who had filed a suit against the Public Service Company as a result of an accident involving their automobile and a Public Service bus. In conducting an investigation for the St. Louis Police Department, Sergeant HEDDERBERG, a negro, secured signed affidavits from three of the defendants to the effect that HUTCHINSON had conspired with them ahead of time in planning the accident. In December 1952 HUTCHINSON was indicted by the Circuit Court Grand Jury on the basis of these three affidavits. HUTCHINSON then secured evidence in his own behalf, which he states definitely establishes that the affidavits furnished by the three defendants were entirely false. He stated that in a subsequent hearing before the St. Louis Bar Committee, in connection with attempted disbarment proceedings against him, two of the defendants testified at this hearing and denied that they had planned the accident and stated that the statements furnished by them to Sergeant HEDDERBERG were false. HUTCHINSON claims that this whole incident was engineered by his political opponents through friends in the Police Department and in the Circuit Attorney's Office and that their purpose was to put an end to his political activities. He stated that the disbarment proceedings against him were dropped, however, the case itself is still pending in Circuit Court.

HUTCHINSON furnished the following information concerning himself. He was born November 9, 1917 at Charleston, South Carolina. He attended Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Alabama for two years. He then attended Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana, where he received a B.A. Degree. He then attended Columbia University, New York City, where he received a degree of B.A. in International Administration. He received his law degree from Lincoln University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that he attended each of the above schools by working his own way through school. He stated that he fluently speaks Spanish, French and Chinese, and is the holder of a pilot's license. In 1945 he was employed as a teacher of Spanish at Fashion High School, St. Louis. During 1946 and 1947 he was an instructor at Stowe Teachers College, St. Louis. He stated that since 1947 he has engaged in the practice of law. He stated that at the present time the income from his law practice has declined to such an extent that he has been required to seek additional employment. He stated that he is presently employed as a translator by the Caradine Hat Company, Fourth and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that this concern is a hat manufacturing and exporting company.

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HUTCHINSON stated that he would be perfectly willing, should it ever become necessary, to testify at any hearing as to his knowledge of the Progressive Party. He stated that he could testify from his own knowledge to the fact that the Progressive Party was dominated and controlled by the Communist Party and that it constantly followed the Communist Party line in its directives.

The indices of this office reflect the following information concerning the individuals mentioned in this memo.

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The only references to WILLIAM M. HUTCHINSON are as follows: 100-8050-557. According to this, on January 11, 1948 [redacted] advised that KATHRYN BURRIVEN stated that the PFI was considering running WILLIAM HUTCHINSON for the Board of Education. BURRIVEN stated that the reason for this was that he ran for State Representative in the 1946 election and got more votes than any other candidate. She stated that HUTCHINSON had found something in the new Missouri constitution that would force the Board of Education to end discrimination and that the PFI intended to reorganize around the issue of discrimination.

100-8050-320. This reflects that the name WILLIAM M. HUTCHINSON, 4216 East Evans Avenue (no city given) appears on a list of persons who signed a petition to have candidates for the PFI placed on the Missouri ballots for the 1948 election.

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ALBERT FLEET - 100-8050-170 reflects that, according to [redacted] FLEET was present at a party given in honor of KATHRYN BURRIVEN held at the home of ELLIEN BURRIVEN on June 17, 1948. Serial 105 of this same file reflects that, according to [redacted] FLEET was active in the PFI in 1948 and ran on the PFI ticket for the office of sheriff.

CLARA WHITE - 100-8050-320. This reflects that the name of one CLARA WHITE (WHITE), 757 Aubert Avenue (no city listed) appears on a list of persons who signed a petition to have candidates for the PFI placed on the Missouri ballots for the 1948 election.

St. Louis Veterans Civil Liberties Committee - 100-5926-263. This is a news article from the St. Louis Globe Democrat of February 17, 1952 reflecting that WILLIAM M. HUTCHINSON, a negro attorney, was President of the newly formed St. Louis Veterans Civil Liberties Committee. It stated that the purpose of this organization was to secure signatures to petitions to place a proposed anti-segregation ordinance on the August primary ballot. It stated that this would bar racial discrimination at theaters, restaurants

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and hotels. It stated that the organization was made up of members from the ICH BOARD, JOHN KIMBLE and NEWELL O. FAULT Posts of the American Legion.

It is not believed that HUTCHINSON would be suitable for development as a confidential informant. In this regard it should be noted that HUTCHINSON stated that he classifies himself as a "free" thinker. He stated that he does not believe in Communism, but that he does believe in two things which the CP advocates. He stated that as an attorney he believes that the Smith Act is unconstitutional. He stated that this was his own personal opinion as a lawyer. Secondly, he stated that as a result of the concentrated study which he did concerning China while at Columbia University, it is his personal opinion that the Chinese Communist Government should be admitted to the United Nations. He stated that he has studied a great deal concerning the customs, etc. in China and that he does not believe that Chiang Kai Shek represents the people of China today.

It is possible that HUTCHINSON might be in the future useful as a source of information which would require obtaining the proper Bureau authority. Consideration could also be given as to whether or not HUTCHINSON would ever be useful as a future witness concerning his knowledge of the Progressive Party.

The following names are being indexed:

St. Louis Veterans Civil Liberties Committee, EDNA BENT, CLARA SMITH, ALICE WATKINS, Mid-Town Young Democratic Club, West Side Young Democrats.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC

DATE: 8-14-53

FROM: SA

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY
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By letter dated June 4, 1953 the Kansas City Division furnished this office with the following photostats which were used in the preparation of a prosecutive summary letter on above captioned subject. (maintained in 100-8050-1B11)

1. Pages of papers pertaining to the candidacy of HAVEN P. PERKINS.
2. Pages concerning the 1952 candidates for President, Vice-President and Electors.
3. Pages concerning the candidacy of HOWARD R. EDSSELL for Governor in 1952.
4. Pages concerning the candidacy of CLARA PERKINS.
5. Pages concerning Progressive Party ticket, undated and headed Progressive Party of Missouri, concluding with State Representatives from the City of St. Louis.

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cc: 100-8305 (C. Bingaman)
100-7822 (Rosa Brown Bracy)
100-7959 (James Carr)
100-3263 (S. Chinnici)
100-9447 (James W. Cowen)
100-7657 (S. Derman)
100-7146 (H. Edsell)
100-6876 (Lewis K. England)
100-10534 (Mary E. Ferguson)
100-10253 (D. W. Janes)
100-12086 (Walter Johnson)
100-8162 (G. Kimmel)
100-6809 (R. Logsdon)
100-7131 (D. MacLeod)
100-351 (Wm. Massingale)
100-7696 (C. Perkins)
100-6916 (H. Perkins)
100-8163 (L. J. W. Reger)
100-9007 (Ruth Roberts)
100-8035 (Vivian Smith)

100-1543 (Richard Stanford)
100-7888 (Pearl B. Starks)
100-7655 (A. Treiman)
100-10254 (Earle White)
100-8043 (M. B. Wilson)

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6. Pages concerning Progressive Party ticket in 1950.
7. Pages concerning the candidacy of Douglas C. MacLEOD.
8. Pages concerning the candidacy of SOL DERMAN.
9. Pages concerning the candidacy of MARGARET BUSH WILSON.
10. Pages concerning the candidacy of CLARENCE E. BINGAMAN.
11. Pages concerning the candidacy of GEORGE KIMMEL.
12. Pages concerning the candidacy of ROBERT LOGSDON.
13. Pages concerning the candidacy of HOWARD R. EDELL.

Referenced letter advised that originals of the above papers, if desired, may be obtained by directing a subpoena to WALTER H. TOBERMAN, Secretary of State, Jefferson City, Missouri, or an employee designated by him.

Contained in the above described items is an undated photostatic copy of Progressive Party of Missouri officers, reflected as follows:

Officers and Executive Committee Members

Chairman - ROBERT B. LOGSDON
Vice-Chairman - MARGARET BUSH WILSON
Secretary - BEBE BERENSON
Treasurer - ABE TREIMAN

Missouri Members of National Committee

ROBERT B. LOGSDON
L. J. W. REGER
ROSA BROWN BRACY

Missouri Progressive Ticket

Governor - ROBERT B. LOGSDON
Lt. Governor - JULIUS B. JONES
Auditor - GEORGE KIMMEL
Treasurer - JAMES W. COWEN
Attorney General - DOUGLAS MacLEOD

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Representatives in Congress

2nd District - BRUCE O. WATKINS
4th District - RUSSELL D. FARNSWORTH
11th District - MARGARET BUSH WILSON
12th District - CLARENCE E. BINGAMAN

State Representatives

2nd District - SAM CHINNICI
9th District - BRYAN MARTIN
10th District - WILLIAM MASSINGALE
17th District - WILLIAM H. HUTCHINSON
18th District - L. J. W. REGER

In another photostatic copy of a sheet captioned "PROGRESSIVE PARTY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 150 West 46th Street, New York City, New York, NATIONAL OFFICE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE", the following officers and members of the Missouri Progressive Party were listed:

Chairman - ROBERT B. LOGSDON
Vice-Chairman - DAVID W. JAMES
Vice-Chairman - Mrs. RUTH ROBERTS
Vice-Chairman - RICHARD L. STANFORD
Vice-Chairman - JAMES COWEN
Secretary - Mrs. PEARL B. STARKS
Treasurer - HOWARD R. EDSALL

Missouri members of the National Committee were listed as:

ROBERT B. LOGSDON
JAMES CARR
MRS. CLARA PERKINS.

On the same photostatic copy the State Administrative Committee included:

SOL DERMAN
MRS. RUTH ROBERTS
WALTER JOHNSON

The Missouri Progressive Ticket for 1950 listed on this copy reflected:

State Auditor - HOWARD EDSALL
Representative: 2nd District - SAM CHINNICI
10th District - OBADIAH JONES

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Contained in the items described above is proof that A. TREIMAN was treasurer of the State Central Committee of the Progressive Party of Missouri, as of April, 1948, and HOWARD R. EDSELL occupied this position in 1952.

Also included in the above is a letter dated August 16, 1952, addressed to the Honorable WALTER H. TOBERMAN, Secretary of State, Jefferson City, Missouri, regarding the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates of the Progressive Party of Missouri, which was signed DAVID W. JANES, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. PEARL B. STARKS - Secretary, SOL DERMAN - for the State Administrative Committee.

Another letter dated August 26, 1952, addressed to the Honorable Walter H. Toberman, regarding Progressive Party Presidential Electors, signed RICHARD L. STANFORD - Vice-Chairman, PEARL B. STARKS - Secretary, SOL DERMAN - Administrative Committee. Among the names listed as Progressive Party Presidential Electors were LEWIS K. ENGLAND - Sullivan, Missouri, VIVIAN E. SMITH - Bernie, Missouri, EARLE WHITE, 4019 Cook Street, St. Louis, Missouri; SOL LONDE, 7320 Colgate, University City, Missouri; MARY E. FERGUSON, 1455 Rowan Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-12098)

DATE: NOV 9 1953

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

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The purpose of this memo is to channelize information received from [REDACTED], of known reliability, in a four page handwritten report dated 10/16/53 and personally received by the writer on 10/27/53. The original is being filed in [REDACTED] and the carbon copy is being filed beneath this memo in 100-12098.

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[REDACTED] furnished substantially the same information in a five page handwritten report which was personally received by the writer on 10/27/53 and therefore is not being quoted. The original is being filed in [REDACTED] and the carbon copy is being filed beneath this memo in 100-12098.

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"St. Louis, Mo.

Oct. 16, 1953

"I was present at a party given in honor of Pauline Murphy's birthday. Sponsored by the Emergency Defense Committee on Oct. 16th in East St. Louis on Walter Street.

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1 - 100-6873 (L. WAXMAN)
1 - 100-12086 (W. JOHNSON)
1 - 100-10324 (L. PAPPADEMOS)
1 - 100-9716 (E. PAPPADEMOS)
1 - 100-10122 (B. SCHUMACHER)
1 - 100-11491 (A. SPEARS)
1 - 100-1238 (A. MURPHY)
1 - 100-7419 (P. MURPHY)
1 - 100-166 (R. HUDSON)
1 - 100-12235 (J. WILBURN)
1 - 100-8960 (E. RICHARDSON)

1 - 100-9745 (A. BRANZ)
① - 100-8043 (M. WILSON)
1 - 100-1542 (C. COX)
1 - Springfield (Info) (Registered)

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"Didn't see the number. There were twenty five people present. The ones known to me were --

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| 1. Ella Mae Pappademos | (Negro) |
| 2. John Pappademos | (White) |
| 3. Brock Schumacher | (Negro) |
| 4. R. B. Scales | (Negro) |
| 5. Dora Scales | (Negro) |
| 6. Loretta Waxman | (White) |
| 7. Walter Johnson | (Negro) |
| 8. Marie Ballard | (Negro) |
| 9. Annabelle Spears | (Negro) |
| 10. Romey Hudson | (Negro) |
| 11. Marcus Murphy | (Negro) |
| 12. Pauline Murphy | (Negro) |
| 13. Cox | (Negro) |
| 14. Jim Wilburn | (Negro) |
| 15. <u>Adell Bronze</u> | (White) |
| 16. Eileen Richardson | (White) |
| 17. Barbara | (Negro) |

"They served plate lunches consisting of fried chicken, potato chips and chef salad for \$1.00. Sold beer for 25¢ and soda for 10¢. After most of the people were served the man who's house the party was given at (Name unknown) got up and introduced Pauline Murphy who stated her speech by saying I want to thank you all for being so nice to take out the time to give this birthday party in my honor. It was very thoughtful of you and I don't have the words to tell you how much I appreciate it. I am an American school teacher. I teach in a small town in Missouri. The conditions you have to teach under this day and time you are under much pressure because you have to teach what they want you to say. You can't teach the things that you know is right because if you do you are called subversive and capable of getting your last check. But there is just so far I can go. There are some things that I can't and won't go along with so therefore I have been expecting my notice at any time. But if I do get it I won't be surprised. Then Marcus Murphy was introduced and he said I don't think enough have been said about this dinner. Anybody who can serve a dinner like this in times like these and make money on it they really have a good head on them. I don't see how anyone can fix a dinner like they served here tonight and make money on it. I am one of the Smith Act victims of Missouri

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charged with advocating to over throw the government. I was born and raised in the State of Georgia which is the worst state in the union for Negroes. Some people think Mississippi is worse but Georgia have always been the worse state in the United States for Jim Crowing Negroes. They are spending the American workers money trying to buy friendship in Europe and Asia. But every time they try to buy their friendship they tell them they will take the money with no strings attached and America tells them that the strings go with the money so then they say they don't want the money. Every time a United States representative is sent over to talk peace they come back and report no progress and are in a bigger mess than before they went. The kind of peace the United States wants is Jim Crow and no other country will go along with such a policy.

"They were glad to get out of the war in Korea and as we all know they lost it. Now they are trying to lay everything on the Communists. Such slanders as robberies and even the Greenlease Kidnapping are tied in with Communist. I am charged with advocating to overthrow the government with force and vilance. Now as I have told you I was born and raised in the state of Georgia where Jim Crow was worse than in any other State in the Union. Being a Negro, I am very much against Jim Crow. As much as I dislike Jim Crow I was never able to overthrow it in the State of Georgia and that is only one state so how can one person with no more power than I have overthrow the United States which is forty eight and couldn't overthrow Jim Crow in one state. You can see for yourself how foolish it sounds. So I thank you all. Then Pauline Murphy was presented a large birthday cake and a card with seven one dollar bills in the card. Pauline Murphy said I can't find the words to tell you how much I thank you but maybe someday I can repay you in deeds instead of words. Left around 12:30 a.m. went over and returned with Walter Johnson."

[redacted] was unable to identify Margaret Wilson and [redacted] was unable to identify COX as being in attendance at this party.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-7318)

Date: March 3, 1954

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS CHAPTER CRC
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On 2-3-54 the writer received reports from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both of known reliability, concerning a New Years Eve Dance on 12-31-53, jointly sponsored by CRC and NLC. The report of [REDACTED] is being quoted, the original of which is filed in [REDACTED] and the carbon in 100-7318.

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cc - [REDACTED]

100-6970 (H. WALKER)
100-8043 (M. WILSON)
100-8960 (EILEEN RICHARDSON)
100-9051 (ED RICHARDSON)
100-12086 (W. JOHNSON)
100-7159 (E. WAXMAN)
100-6873 (L. WAXMAN)
100-10122 (B. SCHUMACHER)
100-10026 (D. SCHUMACHER)
100-7657 (S. DERMAN)
100-9834 (T. PAPPADEMOS)
100-6853 (IRMA MANEWITZ)
100-345 (BOB MANEWITZ)
100-9745 (A. BRANZ)
100-9440 (MR. E. COLLINS)
100-9439 (MRS. F. COLLINS)
100-11491 (A. SPEARS)
100-7184 (L. S. LACKY)
100-9923 (NLC)
100-1542 (C. COX)
100-12235 (J. WILBURN)
100-7069 (T. SMITH)
100-7125 (M. SMITH)

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cc - SPRINGFIELD (for info) (REGISTERED MAIL)

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[redacted] furnished substantially the same information and therefore his report is not being quoted. The original report is being filed in [redacted] and the carbon copy in 100-7318.

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St. Louis Mo.
Jan. 29, 1954

"I attended the New Years Eve dance on Dec. 31st. Time 9 p.m. Sponsored by C. R. C. and Negro Labor Council. At the Old Masonic Hall. Just off Grand on Caston.

"There were about seventy five persons present. The ones known to me were

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| 1. Floyd Smith | (Negro) |
| 2. Mary Smith | (Negro) |
| 3. Jennie Haley | (White) |
| 4. Jeny Haley | (white) |
| 5. Mr. Lackey | (Negro) |
| 6. Bill Cortor | (White) |
| 7. Mr. Wilson | (Negro) |
| 8. Cox | (Negro) |
| 9. Jim Wilbur | (Negro) |
| 10. Doris Schumacher | (White) |
| 11. Brock Schumacher | (Negro) |
| 12. Hershell Walker | (Negro) |
| 13. Barbra | (Negro) |
| 14. Margie Wilson | (Negro) |
| 15. Eddie Richardson | (White) |
| 16. Eileen Richardson | (White) |
| 17. Walter Johnson | (Negro) |
| 18. Elliot Waxman | (White) |
| 19. Loretta Waxman | (White) |
| 20. R. B. Scales | (Negro) |
| 21. Dora Scales | (Negro) |
| 22. Tommy Pappademos | (White) |
| 23. Sol Durman | (White) |
| 24. Robert Manewitz | (White) |
| 25. Irma Manewitz | (White) |
| 26. Adell Branze | (White) |
| 27. Annabelle Spears | (Negro) |
| 28. Edna Collins | (Negro) |
| 29. Mr. Collins | (Negro) |

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"Sold hamburgers .25 hot dogs .20 and soda .10. Set ups .75 and \$1.00.

Adell Branze sold coronation and roses for .75. She called them Al Murphy folowers. Dance turned out about 2:30 a.m."



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Informants advised on 2-16-54 that THOMAS PAPPADAMOS was home on leave and was in attendance at the above meeting in his army uniform.

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-14072) DATE: JUL 21 1954
FROM: SA [REDACTED] b6
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SUBJECT: WOMEN'S COMMITTEE FOR EQUAL JUSTICE
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On 7/8/54 the writer received from [REDACTED] of known reliability, a report concerning a meeting of the Women's Committee for Equal Justice on 6/26/54. The original is filed in [REDACTED] and the carbon in 100-14072. b2 b7D

"St. Louis, Mo.
June 30, 1954

"I attended a meeting of the Women's Committee for Equal Justice on June 30th, time 8 P.M. at the home of DORIS SCHUMACHER, 4006 Maffitt St.

"There were five persons present. They were --

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| 1. | DORA SCALES | (Negro) |
| 2. | DORIS SCHUMACHER | (white) |
| 3. | NETTIE DIGGS | (Negro) |
| 4. | PAULINE MURPHY | (Negro) |
| 5. | LORETTA WAXMAN | (White) |

"Meeting was opened by the Chairman. Minutes were read by the secretary, NETTIE DIGGS and excepted. First we discussed future appointments. NETTIE DIGGS said that she had stopped by VIRGINIA BRODINE house to see if she was coming tonight. VIRGINIA BRODINE had said that she was working now and wouldn't be able to work with the committee

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100-10026 (D. Schumacher)
100-6873 (L. Waxman)
100-7419 (P. Murphy)
100-9171 (V. Brodine)
100-8960 (Eileen Richardson)
100-12086 (W. Johnson)
100-9439 (Edna Collins)
[REDACTED] (Bea Allen)
100-8043 (Marge Wilson)
100-6253 (W. L. Patterson)
100-7318 (CRC)

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from Central Baptist Church on the special prayer day for Mrs. INGRAM and asked if the Committee would assign some one to take her place. DORA SCALES said, It is my feeling that the person who is assigned to take VIRGINIA BRODINE's place should be another white person. By doing this, we would make sure the committee was inter-racial. This is one of the things we must not fail to do. Wheather setting up a Committee or sending people on appointments, make sure there are Negro and white working together. LORETTA WAXMAN said, Yes I agree we should never forget that. I think we might be able to get EILEEN RICHARDSON to do this if some one called and asked her. Could you do that DORA? DORA SCALES said she would. NETTIE DIGGS said she was going to report to her block unit on the second Friday in July. LORETTA WAXMAN said she had talked to Mrs. FLOWERS of the George Washington Carver V.F.W., and she said they wanted a report at their next metting on the first Friday in August. DORA SCALES said she would contact the 'War Mothers' and the 'National Gold Star Mothers' to find out when we could report there, and would also ask WALTER JOHNSON when he thinks I could start reporting to the groups at Southern Mission Baptist Church. LORETTA WAXMAN and NETTIE DIGGS are to contact West Side Baptist Church. DORIS SCHUMACHER and DORA SCALES contact Rev. NANCE of Washington Tavernacle. DORA SCALES to talk to Mrs. NANCE about contacting the inter-racial Minister-Wives Alliance and also the special prayer day. ADNA COLLINS was assigned to visit Prince of Peace Baptist Church. LORETTA WAXMAN suggested that DORA SCALES call BEATRICE ALLEN to see if one of her union members who is a member of Prince of Peace Church would go with ADNA COLLINS. DORA SCALES suggested we try Rev. POINTER at Wayman Temple. LORETTA WAXMAN said, MARGIE WILSON was voted queen of the year at Wayman Temple. Why don't you talk to her and get to speak to Rev. POINTER or get you before the group that sponsored her for queen? DORA SCALES said she would try this. LORETTA WAXMAN said, The Joint Council of Railroad Workers promised to call a mass meeting of the other local railroad unions for us to speak before for sometimes in June. So I am going to get in contact with them through BEATRICE ALLEN and find out what happened. Next it was decided we get out a letter to Jewish Women organizations. DORIS SCHUMACHER and LORETTA WAXMAN appointed to compose such a letter. planned to have a social affair on Aug. 28th. LORETTA WAXMAN and ELLA MAE PAPPADEMOS to contact a Mr. WILSON, Negro, owns small business

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and find out if we can have the affair in his back yard. Next LORETTA WAXMAN reported on WILLIAM L. PATTERSON being in jail on a charge of contempt of court and suggested we send a telegram or night letter to Attorney General HERBERT BROWNELL. It was decided that we would send a night letter. The night letter read follows -- We protest the ha_____ of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and the Civil Rights Congress in an attempt to force them to turn over names of contributors. This is an unprecedented procedure in the Annals of United States history and only serves to further the aims of McCarthyism. Signed - St. Louis Chapter Women's Committee for Equal Justice. Each person present gave 25¢ toward sending the night letter. Meeting closed about 10:50 P.M.

"P.S. PAULINE MURPHY was sitting at a desk, using a type writer when DORA SCALES and LORETTA WAXMAN entered. When the meeting started, she came in and sat in on the meeting but took no part."

The following names are being indexed:

Mrs. FLOWERS of the George Washington Carver V.F.W.
War Mothers
National Gold Star Mothers
Mrs. NANCE with Interracial Minister's Wives
Alliance
Rev. NANCE - Washington Tabernacle
Rev. POINTER - Wayman Temple
Joint Council of Railroad Workers
Mr. WILSON.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ***** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-11726)

DATE: JUN 12 1956

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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RE: ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON
SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a two page handwritten report dated May 15, 1956, which was received by mail by the writer on May 23, 1956. This report is being filed as an exhibit in [REDACTED] and is being quoted as follows:

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"5-15-56

"I visited CLARA PERKINS today and she told me a woman named LEAH is the Sobell Committee chairman in Kansas City. MARIAN DAVIS is another member.

"CARL MARZANI will arrive about June 19th. The Sobell Committee plans to have a picnic in his honor.

"HAVEN PERKINS won't be back from his trip to Kansas City and Columbia until the end of this week -- about May 19th. The meeting in Kansas City was called off. The woman who was to have the meeting had a heart attack.

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1 - 100-7657 (SOL DERMAN)

1 - 100-10534 (MARY FERGUSON)

1 - 100-16304 (HCUA)

1 - 100-0 CARL MARZANI

1 - 100-6916 HAVEN PERKINS

1 - 100-7696 CLARA PERKINS

1 - 100-7159 ELLIOTT WAXMAN

1 - 100-8043 MARGARET BUSH WILSON

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know of the meeting. SCHUMACHER related that he was happy to do this as a comrade and his interest in the militant struggle but he did not believe it was his position to tell EILEEN. In this regard FOREST indicated that they need a real educational program so people have a basis for understanding what they are doing. Informant related that both were of the opinion that the above mentioned incidents were evidence of white chauvinism and they agreed that it could be called white chauvinism. Furthermore, they should take steps to correct the situation, however, it all depends on how you bring up your kids. Informant further stated that the MANENITZ' child was not well behaved and that while he was at the nursery school there had been political pressure to get him out of school. SCHUMACHER remarked that it takes kids a long time to grow up in America, longer than Europeans.

SCHUMACHER also mentioned that JIM _____ had just got back in town and had some negro comrades over and that they had discussed the RICHARDSON kid. Furthermore, HERSCHEL WALKER didn't think much of the way the child had carried on.

DOROTHY FOREST then mentioned that EILEEN makes so many blunders but she does so much and SCHUMACHER agreed that she was a hard worker. DOROTHY then pointed out that EDDIE's working hours interfere with the activity of both.

SCHUMACHER then went on to say that Reverend ELKINS and another guy were working on the possibility of bringing ROBESON here and that the ASP wants to go in on it but that's out as he worked too hard to get the Peace Committee on the map. Informant related that in this regard SCHUMACHER had mentioned American Peace Crusade representative came through last summer and that although he had no party contacts he knows ROBESON and that he recently wrote him a letter and that he will try to get ROBESON here to raise money and that possibly they could hold the meeting in the Sheldon Memorial or have it in a big church like the Pilgrim Baptist; that Reverend EASTER's church is too far out but they can get it any time they want to under the guise of young peoples groups. SCHUMACHER further mentioned that Reverend MARLOWE will be a good contact. He further mentioned that he and SAGE are showing the film to ministers and their families on Sunday afternoons and that at a meeting last night MARGARET BUSH WILSON had been present.

Informant further related that SCHUMACHER had also mentioned that he had two Newsletters with him and that he was making one up now and that he would like to use the office of the Progressive Party for mimeographing purposes and that at the conclusion of the conference he advised DOROTHY

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FOREST that he would give mimeographed leaflets to THELMA (HECHT) to distribute to area leaders.

Informant related that the above conference had commenced at about 10:50 A.M. and was concluded at 1:05 P.M.

The following names have been indexed:

CHARLES JACKSON
Dr. _____ HOWELL
Dr. _____ BROWN
RICHARD MORBORD
DAVE GRANT
BEULAH RICHARDSON
Rev. REVELL LEWIS
Rev. MARLOWE